UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF ADDING ANOTHER TRIPPER BUS
TO ROUTE NINE

WHEREAS, currently the Eau Claire Public Transportation
Department and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
collaborate to provide busing service to all students, faculty,
and staff; and

WHEREAS, the busing service is funded through the
segregated fees; and

WHEREAS, currently each student pays $20.50 a year for this
service; and

WHEREAS, the current transit contract between the
University and the City states that, "additional trippers may be
added if both the City and University mutually agree based upon
ridership need. The City shall invoice for additional trippers
at the prevailing Tripper Hourly Rate;" and

WHEREAS, the current transit contract states that "the
contract may be amended with immediate effect by mutual
agreement between the University and the City unless such
amendment results in a financial adjustment in excess of 19% of
the agreed upon contractual amount for the current or succeeding year, in which case a 30-day notice shall be provided the University by the City before such financial adjustment becomes effective;” and

WHEREAS, currently the most used bus route by the University students, faculty and staff is Route Nine (9; and

WHEREAS, currently during times of high traffic, busses typically get filled past capacity; and

WHEREAS, when a bus is filled past capacity it represents a hazard to the students involved; and

WHEREAS, students are getting turned away from both the Stein Boulevard and the Water Street Routes during times of high use due to overcrowding; usually brought upon by severe weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, when students are turned away from the bus during times of high traffic or severe weather, it is an unnecessary inconvenience, as well as potentially hazardous to their health; and

WHEREAS, being turned away from the bus potentially causes students to be tardy to class, late to work, as well as potentially causing a burden on their personal schedules; and

WHEREAS, currently the tripper bus spends the majority of the time on the Stein Boulevard Route; and
WHEREAS, the majority of off-campus students live and would benefit from the use of the Water Street Route; and

WHEREAS, Route Nine (9) is currently most used during the time frame from late January to mid-March; and

WHEREAS, the addition of another tripper bus would come at an estimate cost of $12,112; and

WHEREAS, this estimated cost would raise non-allocated segregated fees by one dollar per year per student;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that from the beginning of the Spring Semester until Spring Break, the students of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire support the addition of another tripper bus on Route Nine (9); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this additional tripper bus and the current tripper bus will continue to rotate in between the Stein Boulevard and the Water Street Routes; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Raymond French transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Steven Tallant, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Andrew Soll, Vice Chancellor, Business & Student Services; Kimberly O’Kelly, Parking Office; David Gessner, Director, Business Services; Gwen Van Den Heuvel, City of Eau Claire Transit Manager; Eau Claire Transit Commission; Brandon Buchanan, City Council Member; Dr. Marty Wood, Chair, University Senate; Ann Lapp, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Student
Submitted by:
Katya Voelker, Student Services Commission Director
and Off-Campus Senator
Tim Lauer, Treasurer and On-Campus Senator
March 10, 2008
## Bus Ridership for Route 9

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