

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

STUDENT SENATE

CLASSIFICATION IN SUPPORT OF THE WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY

CENTER

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INTRODUCED BY THOMAS HOLTAN, FINANCE COMMISSION DIRECTOR; FINANCE
COMMISSION; AND RAY FRENCH, STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

1 **WHEREAS, the Women and Gender Equity (WAGE) Center was established**
2 **in 2005 as a result of surveys and focus groups that determined there was a need**
3 **for an office to coordinate programming related to women’s issues that occur**
4 **across campus; and**

5 **WHEREAS, the WAGE Center has become a resource to students, faculty,**
6 **and staff; and**

7 **WHEREAS, the WAGE Center is a safe space for individuals with special**
8 **interests related to gender equity; and**

9 **WHEREAS, the WAGE Center serves as a liaison with many community**
10 **resources including (but not limited to) those related to gender equity; and**

11 **WHEREAS, the WAGE Center has provided a variety of programming**

12 related to issues of gender and sexual identity as well as any other issues
13 prevalent at UWEC; and

14 WHEREAS, the WAGE Center has actively built two effective classroom
15 presentations: “Gendered Language” and “Gender, Language, and
16 Communication;” and

17 WHEREAS, the WAGE Center provides a plethora of services that benefit
18 the campus culture; and

19 WHEREAS, the WAGE Center helps maintain and foster diversity
20 throughout UWEC’s campus; and

21 WHEREAS, the WAGE Center was previously funded through Differential
22 Tuition under Innovative Projects; and

23 WHEREAS, the Innovative Projects category of Differential Tuition has a
24 three year period of funding maximum; and

25 WHEREAS, the advisors neglected to search for alternative funding
26 sources for after their three year period was complete; and

27 WHEREAS, the WAGE Center is too valuable a resource on UWEC’s
28 campus to let close; and

29 WHEREAS, the previous hard work of students, faculty, and community
30 members should not be lost because of a lack of planning; and

31 WHEREAS, without a student contribution to the WAGE Center it would
32 close; and

33 WHEREAS, there has been dialogue between Student Senate members for

34 allowing the WAGE Center another year grace period for obtaining alternative
35 funding sources; and

36 WHEREAS, the Provost is committed to matching a \$15,000 contribution
37 from the students;

38 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Student Senate supports the campus
39 of UWEC by allowing for the WAGE Center to have another year to find an
40 alternative funding source; and

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WAGE Center investigate to find out
42 the percentage between students and faculty attending their events; and

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WAGE Center aggressively searches
44 numerous possibilities for alternative funding sources; and

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WAGE Center becomes a facet of the
46 Student Senate budget falling under the Student Life and Diversity Commission;
47 and

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Senate match the Provost's
49 \$15,000 contribution; and

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$15,000 contribution comes from the
51 Student Senate's carryover balance of the University Segregated Fees that it
52 collects every year; and

53 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President French transmit a
54 copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Steve Tallant,
55 Provost/Vice Chancellor; Andrew Soll, Vice Chancellor, Business & Student

56 **Services; Dave Gessner, Director, Business Services; Lisa Cooper-Murphy,**
57 **Coordinator, WAGE Center; Dr. Kimberly Barrett, Vice President for Student**
58 **Affairs, University of Montevallo; Ann Lapp, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor,**
59 **Student Development & Diversity; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of**
60 **Student Development, Student Development & Diversity.**