

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

STUDENT SENATE

CLASSIFICATION CONTINUING THE STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY

FOR THE 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR

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INTRODUCED BY RAY FRENCH, STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AND MEGHAN

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1 WHEREAS, Student Senate has historically provided health insurance for
2 students through an Agent of Record; and

3 WHEREAS, providing this service helps protect students against
4 unnecessary financial risks due to unpredicted occurrences; and

5 WHEREAS, the current contract will soon expire; and

6 WHEREAS, beginning in the 51st session, the minimum credit requirements
7 for purchasing health insurance for part-time Graduate School students was
8 lowered to five credits; and

9 WHEREAS, beginning in the 51st session, a preferred provider network
10 (Health EOS) was adopted to give students the opportunity to find the most
11 economical services; and

12 **WHEREAS, because the 50th session approved a rate guarantee for no**
13 **more than 10% for three academic years, the rate will only increase that amount**
14 **instead of a potentially larger amount; and**

15 **WHEREAS, the coverage will remain the same as 2006-2007 and 2007-2008**
16 **for the 2008-2009 academic year with a 10% maximum increase each year; and**

17 **WHEREAS, after the 2008-2009 academic year, there is no guarantee for the**
18 **maximum percent increase in rates; and**

19 **WHEREAS, after the 2008-2009 academic year, it will be important to look at**
20 **alternatives in policy in order to keep coverage better than the UW System plan;**
21 **and**

22 **WHEREAS, a group should be created to research some of the alternatives**
23 **including providing more information to students in the fall, online payment**
24 **options, incorporating an opt-in page with registering for fall classes, and a soft**
25 **waiver that would require students to opt-out of the program ; and**

26 **WHEREAS, this group should be organized as soon as possible so that**
27 **they can work into the fall with Associate Dean Jodi Thesing-Ritter to provide a**
28 **recommendation to the Chancellor for future alternatives with our health**
29 **insurance program;**

30 **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 52nd Session of Student Senate**
31 **approves the renewal bid by Columbian Life for a 10% increase from \$765.00 to**
32 **\$842.00 for students 30 years of age and under and \$996.00 to \$1,096.00 for**
33 **students 31 years of age and older; and**

34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 52nd Session of Student Senate
35 charges the Student Body President and Vice President to organize a group of
36 students to work with the Associate Dean of Student Development and Diversity
37 Jodi Thesing-Ritter to research possible alternatives to our current coverage; and

38 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that upon passage, President French transmit a
39 copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Steven Tallant,
40 Provost/Vice Chancellor; Andrew Soll, Vice Chancellor, Business & Student
41 Services; Donald Southard, Agent of Record; Ann Lapp, Interim Associate Vice
42 Chancellor, Student Development & Diversity; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate
43 Dean of Student Development, Student Development & Diversity.