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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

STUDENT SENATE

CLASSIFICATION ADDITION OF ARTICLE 11 – REFERENDUM TO THE BYLAWS

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INTRODUCED BY ABOU AMARA II, PARLIAMENTARIAN; INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR;  
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR; AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMISSION DIRECTOR

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WHEREAS, the current Bylaws in regard to referendums do not give enough guidance for referendum procedure; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws must be very clear, consistent and work properly for referendums; and

WHEREAS, Attachment “A” is a description of the changes that the Internal Affairs Commission believe need to be made to provide for a more fair and transparent process of voting;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate approves the Bylaw changes as outlined in Attachment “A”; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Lauer transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Marty Wood, Interim Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. V. Thomas Dock, Acting Vice Chancellor,

**Administration, Facilities & Finance; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office.**

## Attachment "A"

**Adding an Article 11 to the Bylaws titled "Referendum"**

### **Article 1**

**An original referendum must be voted on by the Student Senate at least 30 days prior to voting on the referendum.**

### **Article 2**

**The method of referendum (online ballot or paper ballot) must be voted on by the Student Senate 30 days prior to the voting on the referendum. Referendum Methods (Online Ballot or Paper Ballot) will follow the same procedure as outlined in Article 4, Section 6 (J).**

### **Article 3**

**If it is discovered that students who are eligible (eligible as defined in Art 4, Section 6, Paragraph J, Line A of the Student Senate Bylaws) to vote were not allowed to vote, the referendum administration and/or administrator of the referendum will remedy the situation and/or extend the voting period for the same duration the referendum was intended to give. The Student Senate advisor, and the chair of the elections committee shall be the Referendum administrator. The Elections Committee then will make a recommendation to the full Senate, which shall vote on the legitimacy of the referendum by a simple majority (Greater than 50%)**

### **Article 4**

**The Chair of the Election Committee (as defined by Article 4, Section E of the Student Senate Bylaws) will follow the line of succession (as outlined in Art 4 Section B). In the case that a grievance is filed on a referendum, the grievance procedure outlined in Article 4 Section 7 of the Student Senate Bylaws will apply.**