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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

STUDENT SENATE

CLASSIFICATION SPECIAL ALLOCATION FOR THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

NUMBER 52-B-22 DATE March 9, 2009

INTRODUCED BY THOMAS HOLTAN, FINANCE COMMISSION DIRECTOR AND
FINANCE COMMISSION

1 **WHEREAS, the Blugold Marching Band is an entity of the Music**
2 **Department; and**

3 **WHEREAS, the mission of the Blugold Marching Band is to provide support**
4 **for Blugold athletics, to serve majors and non-majors with an enjoyable and**
5 **rewarding musical experience, and to represent the university to a wide range of**
6 **audiences on the state, regional, national, and international stage; and**

7 **WHEREAS, the Blugold Marching Band performs each year at Blugold**
8 **home football games, the Homecoming Parade, an annual stage show in Zorn**
9 **Arena, three high school exhibitions (Chippewa Falls, Milwaukee, and**
10 **Metrodome), and other selected events by invitations; and**

11 **WHEREAS, the Blugold Marching Band is the largest Division Three**
12 **Marching Band in America; and**

13 WHEREAS, including all divisions of higher education, the Blugold
14 Marching Band is one of the most active marching bands in the Midwest;and

15 WHEREAS, from the year 2000 to 2008 Blugold Marching Band membership
16 grew from 60 members to 232 members; and

17 WHEREAS, the membership of Blugold Marching Band is made up of 30%
18 music education majors and 70% non-music majors; and

19 WHEREAS, the Blugold Marching Band has a visibility to 30,000 to 50,000
20 audience members annually; and

21 WHEREAS, because of the increase in interest, an online application
22 process has been instigated; and

23 WHEREAS, the application process for 2009 opened on February 15; and

24 WHEREAS, on March 1, 2009 the applications were 51% higher than at that
25 time, one year previously; and

26 WHEREAS, the rate of returning members has increased from 65% to 74%;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, there are a projected 300 applications for this year; and

29 WHEREAS, the band currently contains 196 standard uniforms; and

30 WHEREAS, the original 80 uniforms are still in use and are more than 25
31 years old; and

32 WHEREAS, the other 116 uniforms have been purchased in small
33 increments over eight years to keep up with the growth of the band; and

34 WHEREAS, the uniforms are \$511.40 a piece and come in a particular size,
35 making it difficult to fit each member; and

36 WHEREAS, the projected life of these uniforms have a 20 year life, which

37 many of the uniforms have exceeded; and

38 WHEREAS, the Music Department allocates \$2,000 annually for the band,
39 which allows for just under four uniforms; and

40 WHEREAS, the Blugold Marching Band wants to allow all interested
41 students to participate in this great collegial experience; and

42 WHEREAS, the Finance Commission voted 7-0-1 to allocate \$13,296.40 for
43 26 new uniforms; and

44 WHEREAS, the Finance Commission was also asked to contribute an
45 additional \$13,050 for 200 Blugold baldrics; and

46 WHEREAS, the baldrics are currently falling apart in the elements, making
47 them not uniform in their appearance; and

48 WHEREAS, although a worthy investment, the Finance Commission felt like
49 this shouldn't be pursued at this time, and that the Blugold Marching Band
50 should talk to the Foundation about a possible donation;

51 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate supports the
52 growth of the Blugold Marching Band; and

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Senate allocates \$13,296.40 to the
54 Blugold Marching Band for the special allocation request of 26 new uniforms; and

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Senate allocates \$13,050 for 200
56 Blugold Baldrics; and

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UWEC Student Senate encourages the
58 Marching Band to explore the option of a small course fee; and

59 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Lauer transmit a
60 copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Marty Wood,

61 **Interim Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student**
62 **Affairs; Dr. Randy Dickerson, Associate Professor, Music & Theatre Arts; Dave**
63 **Gessner, Director, Business Services; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of**
64 **Students, Dean of Students Office.**