

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

STUDENT SENATE

CLASSIFICATION BYLAW CHANGES TO ADD REFERENDUM SECTION

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1 WHEREAS, Student Senate Bylaws do not currently give any guidance or  
2 procedure for referendums; and

3 WHEREAS, Student Senate has had problems with procedure following  
4 referendums in the past; and

5 WHEREAS, adding a 13<sup>th</sup> Article entitled "Referendum," referendums will  
6 have procedure in place to guide future referendums; and

7 WHERAS, Attachment "A" will help legitimize future referendums, and help  
8 solve disputes or problems that arise;

9 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate approves this  
10 addition to the Bylaws; and

11 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Lauer transmit a

12 copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Marty Wood,  
13 Interim Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. V. Thomas Dock, Acting Vice Chancellor,  
14 Administration, Facilities & Finance; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student  
15 Affairs; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students  
16 Office.

## **ATTACHMENT "A"**

### **ARTICLE 13: REFERENDUM**

#### **Section 1:**

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

#### **Section 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. Procedure for both methods (online ballot and paper ballot) of voting on referendums will be the same.**

#### **Section 3:**

**In the case that 2.5% or more of the total votes were cast by ineligible voters (ineligible voter as defined in Article 4, Section 6, Paragraph J, Line A), the referendum will automatically be deemed illegitimate and void. Another referendum will be scheduled in place 14 days from the day of the illegitimate referendum, unless 14 days after the illegitimate referendum falls on a day which the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire classes are not in session. In that case, Student Senate will vote on a date for referendum after the 14 day period by a simple majority (50%).**

#### **Section 4:**

**In cases in which the percent of total votes that are cast by ineligible voters is less than or equal to 2.5% of the total votes, the Internal Affairs Committee will make a recommendation to the Student Senate, and the student Senate shall vote on the legitimacy of the referendum by a simple majority (50%).**

#### **Section 5:**

**If it is discovered prior to the end of the election that students who are eligible to vote were not allowed to vote, the referendum administration and/or administrator of the referendum will remedy the situation, and extend the voting period for the same duration the referendum was intended to give.**