UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF SEGREGATED FEE ALLOCATION FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CHILDREN’S CENTER

WHEREAS, the Children’s Center at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NANYC). The NANYC only accredits about 5% of the nation’s children’s centers; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the Children’s Center began the “Child Care Access Means Parents in School” program to provide infant and toddler care to low income university students. In addition to this program the Children’s Center offers the following to students and faculty and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire:

• Daytime and evening programs
• Western Dairyland Head Start Partnership
• Eau Claire for Tomorrow (EC4T)
• Headstart
• Jumpstart (an Americorps program)
• Child and Adult Care Food Program – Building for the future
• Summer and School-Out: School-Age Program; and

WHEREAS, the Children’s Center serves multiple secondary purposes on our campus and community including: on hands training for Elementary Education majors and minors,
observations conducted by Psychology students on the children in
the Children’s Center; and

WHEREAS, the Children’s Center is one of the largest on-
campus employers providing work as teaching assistants and other
employment to university students; and

WHEREAS, the Children’s Center is located in Brewer and is
the oldest academic building on campus; and

WHEREAS, the current building that holds the Children’s
Center is in poor condition and cannot meet the outstanding
demand for services from students; and

WHEREAS, the Children’s Center has saved over $500,000
dollars by employing extreme cost saving measures and avoiding
structural upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the UW-System Board of Regents has already
authorized a 1.82 million dollar construction project for a new
children’s center, therefore referendum is not required; and

WHEREAS, if the Children’s Center were unable to meet
future demand for its services, students could potentially have
no other choice but to withdraw from the university due to the
inability to find adequate care;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate approve of
the construction of a new Children’s Center; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when plans are finalized, the Student Senate will explore and authorize segregated fee money for construction as appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for further information on specific details and policies on the Children’s Center see attachment "A"; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Lauer transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Marty Wood, Interim Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. V. Thomas Dock, Acting Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Marc Goulet, Interim Associate Dean, Dean of Students Office; Rebecca Wurzer, Director, Children’s Center; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office.

SUBMITTED BY:
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