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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE  
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

18           WHEREAS, the Children's Center serves multiple secondary  
19 purposes on our campus and community including: on hands  
20 training for Elementary Education majors and minors,

21 observations conducted by Psychology students on the children in  
22 the Children's Center; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate approve of  
42 the construction of a new Children's Center; and

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when plans are finalized, the  
44 Student Senate will explore and authorize segregated fee money  
45 for construction as appropriate; and

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

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

SUBMITTED BY:

Abou Amara, Student Services Commission Director  
and Off-Campus Senator  
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February 2, 2009