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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF CRITICAL CHANGE TO UW-SYSTEM POLICY F50

1 WHEREAS, F50 is a UW-System policy which provides guideline
2 criteria to become a student organization; and

3 WHEREAS, the current UW-System Policy F50, section 11.B(1)
4 is currently worded "only officially recognized student
5 organizations, and university departments to the extent
6 permitted under the UW-System Financial and Administrative
7 Policy G15 on 'Student Services funding,' are eligible to
8 receive allocable SUF;" and

9 WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5) states that "the
10 students of each institution or campus shall have the right to
11 organize themselves in a manner they determine and to select
12 their representatives to participate in institutional
13 governance;" and

14 WHEREAS, the current wording of UW-System Policy F50 does
15 not separate student government recognized in 36.09(5) from the
16 defined "student organizations;" and

17 WHEREAS, the definition of "student organizations," as
18 written in UW-System Policy F50, section 11.B(2), requires

19 "student organizations" to "obtain an advisor, or the assistance
20 of an advising service, employed by the UW institution where the
21 organization is seeking recognition;" and

22 WHEREAS, the UW-System Policy F50, section 11.B(3) states
23 "student organizations are required to comply with requests for
24 financial information in the circumstances in (a) and (b) of
25 this section. An organization's failure to comply with a
26 request for financial information may result in the denial of
27 eligibility to receive SUF and/or the use of university
28 facilities;" and

29 WHEREAS, as it is currently written, UW-System Policy F50
30 differentiates between student governments and student
31 organizations in section 1.B(2) (a) (3) and 1.B(6) (a); and

32 WHEREAS, if student governments were required to register
33 as student organizations, they would be subject to requirements
34 that are directly in violation of "Wisconsin State Statute
35 36.09(5); and

36 WHEREAS, the current wording of UW-System Policy F50,
37 section 11.B(1) requires student governments to limit their
38 student representation by increasing the minimum class credit
39 requirements and seek an advisor where currently student
40 governments in the UW-System are treated independently and do
41 not meet these requirements; and

42 WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire students support the United Council
43 Resolution UA 0208-01 "Critical Change to UW-System Policy F50;"

44 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the students of UW-Eau Claire
45 support the change of wording to UW-System Policy F50 in section
46 11.B(1) to state:

47 Only official recognized student organizations,
48 student governing bodies under the per view of 36.09(5),
49 and university departments to the extent permitted
50 under the UW-System Financial and Administration Policy
51 G15 on "Student Services Funding," are eligible to
52 receive allocable SUF.

53 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Lauer
54 transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-
55 Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Marty Wood, Interim Provost/Vice
56 Chancellor; Dr. V. Thomas Dock, Acting Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth
57 Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Josh Mann, President,
58 United Council; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of
59 Students, Dean of Students Office.

SUBMITTED BY:
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February 16, 2009