UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF CRITICAL CHANGE TO UW-SYSTEM POLICY F50

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the definition of "student organizations," as written in UW-System Policy F50, section 11.B(2), requires
“student organizations” to “obtain an advisor, or the assistance of an advising service, employed by the UW institution where the organization is seeking recognition;” and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the current wording of UW-System Policy F50, section 11.B(1) requires student governments to limit their student representation by increasing the minimum class credit requirements and seek an advisor where currently student governments in the UW-System are treated independently and do not meet these requirements; and
WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire students support the United Council Resolution UA 0208-01 "Critical Change to UW-System Policy F50;"

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

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

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; Josh Mann, President, United Council; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office.

SUBMITTED BY:
Michael Umhoefer, Treasurer and Chief of Staff and Off-Campus Senator
February 16, 2009