UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING DAVIES CENTER OPEN UNTIL 11:00 P.M. AND
NOT CHANGING THE HOURS DUE TO A BUDGET DEFICIT

WHEREAS, as stated in Attachment “A” the University Centers
states that it is deeply committed to the values outlined in the
Centennial Plan of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire:
diversity and inclusiveness; stewardship and sustainability;
innovation and continuous improvement; and leadership; and

WHEREAS, as stated in Attachment “A” the University Centers
is integral to the education mission of UW-Eau Claire and is the
center of campus life; and

WHEREAS, Davies Center is a part of the University Centers
and is the center for social and cultural interaction on lower
campus according to Attachment “B;” and

WHEREAS, Davies Center is currently open from 7:00 A.M.
until 11:00 P.M. Monday thru Saturday and from 10:00 A.M.
through 11:00 P.M. on Sunday during the semester according to
Attachment “B;” and

WHEREAS, closing Davies Center would, on average, force
seventeen student organizations per week to reschedule meetings
for a new time before 9:00 P.M. (see Attachment “C”); and
WHEREAS, currently meeting space is limited and closing earlier would put further restraints on the availability for student organizations and groups to meet; and

WHEREAS, the student organizations workshop is located in Davies Center; and

WHEREAS, the workshop serves over 200 student organizations; and

WHEREAS, the materials in the workshop are used for organizations to promote events; and

WHEREAS, closing the Davies Center at 9:00 P.M. would prevent them from being able to utilize these resources; and

WHEREAS, other university centers at UW-La Crosse, UW-Stevens Point, UW-River Falls, UW-Stout, UW-Green Bay, UW-Whitewater, UW-Oshkosh and UW-Platteville are all open at least until 11:00 P.M. or later; and

WHEREAS, decreasing the hours of the Student Center should not be an option to make up for administrative budget decisions and deficits;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that University Centers does not change the hours of Davies Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that University Centers continues to include the Student Senate in future decisions of this nature; and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Tim 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; Charles Farrell, Director, University Centers; The Spectator; The Leader-Telegram; Katie Troyer, RHA President; Chuck Major, Director, Housing & Residence Life; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office.

SUBMITTED BY:
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