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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE  
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

STUDENT SOLUTION TO NEW STUDENT CENTER

1 WHEREAS, Chancellor Brian Levin-Stankevich directed the New  
2 Student Center Steering Committee to revise the building plans  
3 to accommodate the Council Oak Tree and site; and

4 WHEREAS, Student Senate was not addressed by the Chancellor  
5 in regard to revising the building plans; and

6 WHEREAS, University Senate approved the Chancellor's  
7 decision by acclamation; and

8 WHEREAS, the original timeline for the new student center  
9 called for construction to begin in the spring of 2011; and

10 WHEREAS, the timeline was adjusted due to the accelerated  
11 pace of work of the building committee to break ground on the  
12 new Student Center in May 2010; and

13 WHEREAS, the project is currently one year ahead of its  
14 originally-scheduled timeline; and

15 WHEREAS, the re-design of the new student center will delay  
16 the adjusted timeline for breaking ground in May 2010; and

17 WHEREAS, acting against the Chancellor's decision may  
18 further delay the building plans and therefore increase the cost  
19 of redesigning the building; and

20           WHEREAS, the current building plan was constructed to have  
21 the most favorable effect on parking possible; and

22           WHEREAS, the redesigned building plan will not have as  
23 favorable of an effect on parking as the current plan; and

24           WHEREAS, College of Nursing faculty have expressed concern  
25 with the loading dock being too close to the Nursing building;  
26 and

27           WHEREAS, UW System has stated that they believe the  
28 building should be redesigned to accommodate the tree and modify  
29 the loading dock to better accommodate the Nursing building; and

30           WHEREAS, some students have expressed disapproval and  
31 concern with paying for any costs associated with the redesign  
32 of the new student center; and

33           WHEREAS, the Board of Regents approved the new student  
34 center building project for 48.8 million dollars collected by  
35 student fees over twenty years; and

36           WHEREAS, the money to support the possible redesign would  
37 be taken from the building project budget; and

38           WHEREAS, increasing the student fee, or the time at which  
39 the student fee is collected, would have to be a decision  
40 supported by the Student Senate, campus-wide student referendum,  
41 and be reapproved by the Board of Regents; and

42           WHEREAS, the current estimate of the building cost is based  
43 on national construction averages and not state construction  
44 averages; and

45 WHEREAS, national averages for cost estimating are higher  
46 than state averages; and

47 WHEREAS, by formal request, the Division of State  
48 Facilities can re-estimate all building design options in  
49 accordance to state averages instead of national averages; and

50 WHEREAS, six other UW System building projects were  
51 estimated using the national averages and have returned with  
52 bids from local contractors 10 to 25% below national average  
53 expectations; and

54 WHEREAS, a cost estimate based on state averages would be  
55 lower and provide a more accurate estimate of the actual cost  
56 and building potential; and

57 WHEREAS, the more accurate estimate would make more money  
58 available to the building; and

59 WHEREAS, the size and quality of the building would not be  
60 compromised if state averages were used in estimating  
61 construction costs;

62 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the students of the new  
63 Student Center Steering Committee make an official request to  
64 Division of State Facilities to provide a new estimate of the  
65 original building design option in accordance with state  
66 averages; and

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that cost estimates for all design  
68 options be conducted with the cost estimates from Division of  
69 State Facilities and Wisconsin averages; and

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division of State  
71 Facilities formally instruct the architectural and engineering  
72 firms to estimate all design options using state averages  
73 provided in the Division of State Facilities re-estimate report  
74 of the original design.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any money made newly available  
76 from re-estimating to state averages will be spent on anything  
77 in the project budget except architectural, engineering, and  
78 Division of State Facilities Project Management fees; and

79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all redesign options brought  
80 forth to the Steering Committee clearly state any additional  
81 fees associated with those design options in the budget  
82 categories of architectural, engineering, and Division of State  
83 Facilities Project Management fees; and

84 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President  
85 Umhoefer transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-  
86 Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice  
87 Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs  
88 Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; Dave Gessner,  
89 Assistant Chancellor, Budget and Finance; Mike Rindo, Executive  
90 Director, University Communications; Charles Farrell, Director,  
91 University Centers; Rick Gonzales, Campus Planner; David Miller,  
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95 Budget; Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of  
96 Students Office; John Rackey, A/E Supervisor and Northwest Team  
97 Leader, Division of State Facilities; David Haley, State Chief  
98 Architect and Deputy Director, Division of State Facilities;  
99 and Adel Tabrizi, State Chief Engineer and Director, Division of  
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