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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE BLUGOLD COMMITMENT

1 WHEREAS, Differential Tuition was implemented on a campus
2 wide level at UW-Eau Claire in academic year 1997-1998; and

3 WHEREAS, Differential Tuition was set at \$100 per academic
4 year from its introduction until the academic year 2003-2004;
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6 WHEREAS, Differential Tuition was modified to include an
7 annual increase of 4.5% starting in academic year 2003-2004; and

8 WHEREAS, the Differential Tuition level for academic year
9 2009-2010 is \$163.00; and

10 WHEREAS, Chancellor Brian Levin-Stankevich introduced the
11 Blugold Commitment to the university in his "State of the
12 University" speech in late August, 2009; and

13 WHEREAS, the Blugold Commitment is a proposal to increase
14 Differential Tuition; and

15 WHEREAS, the UW-System Board of Regents' policy Section
16 32.7 "Student Involvement in Differential Tuition Initiatives"
17 outlines the following requirements for students and student
18 government:

- 19 1. Students will be advised through their student government
20 organizations of all planned differential tuition
21 initiatives before proposals are submitted to the Board
22 of Regents;
- 23 2. To the extent possible, UW-System institutions will
24 consult with students directly affected by the proposed
25 Differential Tuition initiative;
- 26 3. Differential Tuition initiative proposals presented to
27 the Board of Regents will include a section on the
28 student consultation process and outcome;
- 29 4. The Chancellor of the UW-System institution, in
30 consultation with the President of the UW-System, will
31 make the final determination whether a Differential
32 Tuition initiative is submitted to the Board of Regents
33 for approval; student approval is not a requirement for
34 the initiative to be forwarded to the Board of Regents;
- 35 5. Spending decisions related to the funds generated by the
36 Differential Tuition are ultimately the responsibility of
37 the Chancellor of the UW-System institution as indicated
38 in Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(3); and

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40 WHEREAS, a campus wide student survey was sent to measure
41 students' opinion on the Blugold Commitment; and

42 WHEREAS, 3,672 took the Blugold Commitment survey;

43 WHEREAS, 69% of the students who completed the survey did
44 not support the Blugold Commitment;

45 WHEREAS, the highest aspect why students did not support
46 the Blugold Commitment was the size of the tuition increase;

47 WHEREAS, the second highest aspect why students did not
48 support the Blugold Commitment was the size of the financial
49 aid;

50 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-
51 Eau Claire Student Senate support the objectives of the Blugold
52 Commitment; and

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that University of Wisconsin-Eau
54 Claire Student Senate support the Blugold Commitment but not in
55 its current form of an increase of \$1,500; and

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in response to the Blugold
57 Commitment survey results the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
58 Student Senate support an increase of Differential Tuition
59 entitled the Blugold Commitment of \$1,200; and

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Eau
61 Claire Student Senate support the Differential Tuition increase
62 entitled the Blugold Commitment to go towards the improvement of
63 academic services; and

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Eau
65 Claire Student Senate support up to 40% of the Differential
66 Tuition increase entitled the Blugold Commitment will be
67 appropriated for financial assistance; and

68 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President
69 Umhoefer transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-
70 Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice
71 Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs;
72 Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; Dave Gessner,
73 Assistant Chancellor, Budget & Finance; Mary Jane Brukardt,
74 Special Assistant for Strategic Planning; Dr. Robert Hooper,
75 Chair, Geology Department; Kathleen Sahlhoff, Director,
76 Financial Aid; Stephanie Jamelske, Academic Affairs Budget
77 Officer, Academic Affairs; Dr. Michael Wick, Vice Provost,

78 Academic Affairs; Dr. Susan Turell, Interim Associate Vice
79 Chancellor, Academic Affairs; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate
80 Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office.

SUBMITTED BY:
Michael Umhoefer, Student Body President
December 7, 2009