WHEREAS, student initiative was the initial stimulus for a mascot survey; and
WHEREAS, Resolution 51-R-32 recognized the "strong movement on campus for a mascot" and the need for a Chancellor’s Mascot Committee; and
WHEREAS, the Fall 2008 Mascot survey had 69% of respondents saying they wanted a mascot at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and
WHEREAS, The Chancellor’s Mascot Selection Committee, which was at the request of the students, was in no way transparent; and
WHEREAS, a student push on the committee for a "None of the Above" option was not honored by the faculty, staff, and administration on the committee; and
WHEREAS, the Chancellor’s Mascot Selection Committee has returned control back to the Student Senate, and by that the students; and
WHEREAS, a Facebook group has over 1500 students who have joined to support the concept of an already established mythical bird mascot;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that a new Student Senate Mascot Task Force of five senators and three non-senator students be initialized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force conduct a new survey only to current faculty, staff and students of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a similar survey be distributed to UW-Eau Claire alumni to the same effect at a later date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the survey include four options: Mallory Prucha Rishoi's Ox, Casey Driscoll's Mythical Bird, a "None of these" option, and an "I don't want a Mascot at the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire" option. This survey will be conducted by the Student Senate Blugold Mascot Task Force and held from April 27, 2010 to April 29, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force will report its findings back to the Student Senate for further action in accordance with the survey results; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Umhoefer transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; Dave Gessner,
Assistant Chancellor, Budget & Finance; Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office; John Bachmeier, Director, Alumni Relations; Kimera Way, Executive Director, Foundations; Scott Kilgallon, Director, Athletics Department; Vicki Funne Reed, Director, Recreation Department; and Dr. Robert Knight, Chairman, Theatre and Arts Department.

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