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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

STUDENT SENATE

CLASSIFICATION ADJUSTING THE FINANCIAL AID PORTION OF THE BLUGOLD  
COMMITMENT

NUMBER 54-B-22 DATE November 29, 2010

INTRODUCED BY MARK MORGAN, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION DIRECTOR  
AND ON-CAMPUS SENATOR

1 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2009, the Student Senate voted in favor of the  
2 Blugold Commitment with a financial aid package not to exceed 40% of total; and

3 WHEREAS, Student Senate voted against reducing the maximum  
4 percentage of total to 35%; and

5 WHEREAS, that part-time students were not included in the automatic  
6 distribution of financial aid for the Blugold Commitment increase; and

7 WHEREAS, that manually determining the financial aid award based upon  
8 credit load and expected EFC would make effective financial aid distribution  
9 nearly impossible; and

10 WHEREAS, that those with an EFC of \$7,000 or less but above Pell  
11 eligibility are considered at most risk for financial hardship; and

12           WHEREAS, Student Senate deems it a priority of the Blugold Commitment  
13 to facilitate access to and retention at UW-Eau Claire;

14           BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the financial aid package of the  
15 Blugold Commitment be pegged to 37%; and

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all full-time students with an EFC of  
17 \$7,000 or less be held harmless for the BGC tuition increase; and

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if it is not fiscally possible to cover all  
19 those with an EFC of \$7,000 or less, then all Pell eligible students be held  
20 harmless, and the remainder of financial aid be applied to students with EFC  
21 above Pell eligibility but below \$7,000 equally; and

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all part-time students with an EFC of  
23 \$7,000 or less receive a grant of 50% of the full-time tuition increase; and

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all excess financial aid be applied to those  
25 with an EFC of above \$7,000 but below \$10,000 equally; and

26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if all those with an EFC of \$10,000 or less  
27 are held harmless then the excess financial aid funds be placed into the general  
28 BGC fund; and

29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 3% of the total annual Blugold  
30 Commitment value be placed into an Appeals Fund for financial aid appeals; and

31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appeal Fund balance will be pegged  
32 to 3% of the total value of the Blugold Commitment; and

33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appeals Fund be allocated at the  
34 beginning of each fiscal year. Any carry-over in the fund at the end of the year  
35 will be placed back into the general BGC fund; and

36           **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that upon passage, President Jambrek transmit  
37 a copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine,  
38 Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr.  
39 Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate;  
40 Kathy Sahlhoff, Director, Financial Aid.