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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

STUDENT SENATE

CLASSIFICATION IN SUPPORT OF A STUDENT TENANT PROTECTION POLICY

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INTRODUCED BY SARAH TWEEDALE, STUDENT SERVICES COMMISSION DIRECTOR  
AND ON-CAMPUS SENATOR; STUDENT SERVICES COMMISSION; MATTHEW SIAS,  
WEBMASTER AND OFF-CAMPUS SENATOR; AND AMBER BRETL, STUDENT BODY VICE  
PRESIDENT.

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1 WHEREAS, the majority of students attending the University of Wisconsin-  
2 Eau Claire live off campus in rental or leased properties; and

3 WHEREAS, Student Senate informally receives complaints about landlord  
4 and tenant issues; and

5 WHEREAS, students at UW-Eau Claire utilize Legal Services in order to  
6 address problems with landlord and tenant issues; and

7 WHEREAS, protection for both students and housing entities is necessary;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute Chapter 704 contains Landlord and Tenant  
10 regulations; and

11 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter ATCP 134 contains

12 Residential Rental Practices regulations; and

13 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Student Services Commission and  
14 the Student Senate to advocate for students;

15 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate adopt changes to  
16 the Student Senate Bylaws in Attachment "A"; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Bylaw addition be inserted under  
18 Article 9, Section 4, Letter I: Student Services; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these Bylaw changes be enacted  
20 immediately upon passage; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these bylaws will be sent out with House  
22 Day invitations; and

23 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Umhoefer  
24 transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia  
25 Kleine, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student  
26 Affairs; Dave Gessner, Assistant Chancellor, Budget and Finance; Dr. Susan  
27 Harrison, Chair, University Senate; Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of  
28 Students, Dean of Students Office; and University Area Housing.

Section 4: Standing Commissions

I. Student Services:

This commission shall:

- a) Be concerned with the services to students provided by the Student Senate and the University.
- b) Work actively to inform students of already active services.
- c) Seek out advice and suggestions from the student body on needed services.
- d) Inform students of their legal rights and responsibilities and, consistent with Senate and University policies, shall provide legal counseling to students through the services of a retained licenses attorney.
- e) Provide recommendations on improving student safety to the Senate and appropriate Public Safety authorities and inform and educate students on matters of safety through the transportation/safety affairs chairperson. (Chairperson may form committee if he/she desires.)
- f) Also through the transportation/safety affairs chairperson, deal with the issues of transportation which could include, but are not limited to the transit system, parking and bicycle regulations. .
- g) Inform, educate and assist students with questions and problems regarding landlord-tenant relations and off-campus housing and represent student-tenant interests to area organizations and governmental units through the Tenant Affairs Chair.
  - i) **Should Student Senate receive complaints from student tenants against their landlords of a violation against Wisconsin Statute Chapter 704 or Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter ATCP 134 or any other Federal, State, or Local law regarding landlord and tenant affairs, Student Senate may place sanctions on the offending landlord. These sanctions may include, but are not limited to, disallowing the offending landlord from attending the annual HOUSE Day, advertising properties on campus, and emailing students' university email addresses. Additionally, landlord offenses and properties in violation of Federal, State, or Local code may be indexed for student reference. Landlords wishing to seek reversal of these sanctions should seek arbitration through Student Senate's Student Services Commission Director and Tenant Affairs Chairperson.**
- h) Address issues facing the Athletics & Recreation Departments and the needs and rights of students through the Athletics/Recreation Affairs Chair. (Chairperson may form a committee if he/she desires.)
- i) Address issues facing the Student Health Service and the needs and rights of students through the Health Services Chair. (Chairperson may form a committee if he/she desires.).
- j) Inform, educate and assist students with questions, concerns, and problems regarding disability issues including but not limited to accessibility, education, awareness, and other services through the Students with disabilities Chair.
- k) Monitor and assess food service issues including, but not limited to, working with the current University food provider in order to help students receive nutritious and balanced meals at affordable price rates, as well as serve as a bridge of communication between students and the University's food service provider.