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PASSED by split vote (see minutes)
Section A passed by Voice Vote
Section B passed by 27-1 Placard vote

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

STUDENT SENATE

CLASSIFICATION AMENDING THE STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS TO CLARIFY
ELECTION RULES AND PROCESURES AND CREATING AN OATH OF OFFICE

NUMBER 54-B-41 DATE March 7, 2011

INTRODUCED BY DYLAN JAMBREK, STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AND BEN
STREETER, PARLIAMENTARIAN

1 WHEREAS, rules and procedures are most important to ensure orderly
2 transitions of power; and

3 WHEREAS, the Bylaws pertaining to elections do not match current
4 practice; and

5 WHEREAS, the Bylaws currently provide for the hearing of election
6 complaints to multiple boards; and

7 WHEREAS, to avoid confusion, infighting and questions of legitimacy
8 surrounding our elections these Bylaws should be clarified; and

9 WHEREAS, currently there is no method of formally certifying or rejecting
10 the legitimacy of election results; and

11 WHEREAS, historically if an election was viewed as illegitimate, there was
12 a motion and vote at the next Senate meeting, however this motion could be
13 voted on by the Senators elected in the contested election; and

14 WHEREAS, having the outgoing Senate certify the elections will ensure a
15 more neutral arbitration of election disputes; and

16 WHEREAS, the Student Senate and the statutory duties it executes are a
17 solemn duty to the students at the University; and

18 WHEREAS, these offices should be taken with the utmost seriousness; and

19 WHEREAS, currently the officers of the Student Senate are bound only to
20 the duties within the Bylaws; and

21 WHEREAS, local, state, and federal officials are bound to an oath so that
22 the officials take the office with personal gravity;

23 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate amends its Bylaws
24 to adopt the changes in Attachment "A;" and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these changes will take place
26 immediately; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all who have taken out election packets
28 for the Student Senate election will be notified of these changes; and

29 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Jambrek transmit
30 a copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine,
31 Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr.
32 Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate;
33 and Janna Caspersen, Chief Justice of the Student Court.