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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

STUDENT SENATE

CLASSIFICATION REJECTING THE PROPOSED POLICY OF SHUTTING DOWN

LATE NIGHT CAFETERIA ACCESS DUE TO THEFT

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1 **WHEREAS, Blugold Dining is facing significant amounts of theft primarily**
2 **from the Hilltop cafeteria; and**

3 **WHEREAS, in response to this crisis, Blugold Dining and University**
4 **Centers consulted solely with the Residence Hall Association; and**

5 **WHEREAS, after this consultation, Blugold Dining decided to close the**
6 **cafeteria on upper campus during late night hours (after 8:30 p.m.) to recoup**
7 **losses from theft; and**

8 **WHEREAS, students living on campus are required to purchase a meal**
9 **plan; and**

10 **WHEREAS, students sign a contract with Housing and Residence Life**
11 **relating to that meal plan; and**

12 **WHEREAS, the contract does not permit the changing of services, only the**
13 **rates within its terms; and**

14 **WHEREAS, Blugold Dining, by changing the meal plans, has diverted the**
15 **majority of students into the cafeteria; and**

16 **WHEREAS, first semester freshman have no choice but to purchase an all**
17 **access or dining deluxe meal plan, making them heavily dependent upon the**
18 **cafeteria; and**

19 **WHEREAS, Blugold Dining has restricted access to “to go” boxes; and**

20 **WHEREAS, while the Student Senate acknowledges the high levels of theft,**
21 **it does not believe this is an appropriate response; and**

22 **WHEREAS in response to the Executive Board’s letter in regards to this**

23 issue, University Centers acknowledged this would have a direct effect on the
24 students; and

25 WHEREAS, students, through their government, have “primary
26 responsibility for the formulation and review of policies concerning student life,
27 interest and services” under Wis. Stats. §36.09(5); and

28 WHEREAS, UW System Regent Policy 30-3 reads: “Primary responsibility
29 means that students have the obligation and authority to initiate policies
30 concerning student life, services, and interests, and to review existing and
31 proposed policies in these areas before they are amended or adopted by the
32 other constituencies of the university” (emphasis added); and

33 WHEREAS, this major shift in the policies concerning an intrinsic student
34 life issue and student service, food service, should have gone through the
35 recognized governance structure; and

36 WHEREAS, the Student Senate was not consulted in the matter nor did it
37 authorize such a change; and

38 WHEREAS, the current official shared governance document of UW-Eau
39 Claire, ratified by Chancellor Leonard Haas on March 12, 1975, after approval by
40 Faculty and Student Senate reads: “At the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, the
41 Student Senate is the official governing body of the students.”; and

42 WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate is the recognized campus-
43 wide student governance structure of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire;

44 WHEREAS this is not the first shared governance issue raised with
45 University Centers this session; and

46 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate, in its statutory

47 capacity, rejects the policy being implemented by Blugold Dining regarding
48 closing down late night access to the upper campus cafeteria; and

49 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should the policy be implemented despite
50 this rejection, it is a violation of Regent policy and state statute; and

51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Student Senate does not acknowledge
52 that the University Centers Advisory Board and the Dining Committee have any
53 shared governance responsibilities under Wis. Stats. 36.09(5); and

54 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Student Senate directs the Executive
55 Board to create a plan to establish true student shared governance over an
56 integral student service, the student center, and its operation; and

57 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Student Senate believes that this shift
58 in policy in the middle of the term of a contract may be considered a breach on
59 the part of the University; and

60 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that from this point forward, to fully comply
61 with shared governance law, major changes of University operation policy or
62 practice relating to dining must attain approval of the Student Senate, or a
63 delegate committee or commission thereof, in accordance with its structure and
64 procedures;

65 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that upon passage, President Jambrek transmit
66 a copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine,
67 Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr.
68 Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate;
69 Dave Gessner, Assistant Chancellor, Budget & Finance; Charles Farrell, Director,
70 University Centers; and Christian Wise, General Manager, Blugold Dining.