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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

STUDENT SENATE

CLASSIFICATION AMENDING THE STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS

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INTRODUCED BY DYLAN JAMBREK, STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, currently the Student Senate Bylaws have no provisions regarding entering or leaving closed session; and

WHEREAS, the Senate has previously entered closed session, but did so without any established procedure or precedent; and

WHEREAS, improperly entering closed session is a violation of open meetings law and is subject to serious fines from the state; and

WHEREAS, the current Bylaw provisions for office hours do not currently reflect practice; and

WHEREAS, at present Directors are not required to be in the office despite being paid to do work on behalf of the Senate and its President; and

WHEREAS, the current process for the non-attendance removal of a member is impossibly vague and difficult to understand; and

WHEREAS, should such a situation arise, these rules should be very clear;

and

WHEREAS, parts of the Bylaws do not reflect the current differential tuition process; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws require a retreat to occur, but do not require its attendance by members; and

WHEREAS, the current method of education the general Senate on budget bills generally consists of limited exposure to the commission hearings; and

WHEREAS, last semester, requiring a meeting with the Director of Academic Affairs was very productive in educating senators on the proposal of the Bluegold Commitment; and

WHEREAS, a similar structure could be pursued for the ITC and Finance budgets; and

WHEREAS, due to the creation of the Environmental Endeavors Commission, the need for an Environmental Affairs Chairperson is gone; and

WHEREAS, certain terminology is incorrect or outdated in the Bylaws;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate amends its Bylaws to reflect Attachment "A;" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate entrusts any necessary table of contents, numbering, and editorial (bold, italics, and underline) changes to be made by the Program Assistant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these amendments to the Bylaws go into effect immediately; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Jambrek transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine,

Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dave Gessner, Assistant Chancellor, Budget and Finance; and Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate.