UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF ADDRESSING THE SAFETY CONCERNS
ON THE FOOTBRIDGE

WHEREAS, for many years students have been concerned with the areas of cross traffic on the footbridge; and

WHEREAS, the areas of cross traffic have resulted in a large number of collisions between students biking and walking on the footbridge; and

WHEREAS, the University Facilities Planning and Management has acknowledged the areas of cross traffic as well as the safety concerns regarding the footbridge; and

WHEREAS, student safety is a top priority of the University Facilities Planning and Management, Student Senate, and the Student Services Commission; and

WHEREAS, the results of a “Footbridge Counting” conducted by the Student Services Commission on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, indicated that approximately 7,840 students cross the footbridge between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, it is both the job and duty of Student Senate to address the concerns of students and student safety; and
WHEREAS, the Student Services Commission collaborated with University Facilities Planning and Management to address the concerns of students and student safety on the footbridge;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate suggests University Facilities Planning and Management address this issue in the short term and in the long term; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that University Facilities Planning and Management address this issue in the short term by placing signage on and around the footbridge regarding safety concerns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate suggests University Facilities Planning and Management address this issue in the short term by also placing mirrors in appropriate places for students to observe areas of cross traffic coming from behind or from an area not within their direct line of sight; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate suggests University Facilities Planning and Management address this issue in the long term by keeping the footbridge reconstruction as a top priority in the Master Plan to begin following the completion of the new student center; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Jambrek transmit copies of this resolution 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; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; Terry Classen, Director, Facilities Management; Mike Rindo, Executive Director, University Communications; and Rick Gonzales, Campus Facilities Planner, Facilities Planning.

SUBMITTED BY:
Chrissy Duszynski, Student Services Commission Director and Off-Campus Senator
Student Services Commission
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