UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF AMENDING THE LAWN SIGN POLICY

WHEREAS, the current lawn sign policy of the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire states that lawn signs may only be placed after 7:00 a.m. and must be removed before 7:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, any lawn signs found before 7:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m. may be removed and discarded after the first offense without any warning given to the relevant organization or individual responsible for the signs; and

WHEREAS, the current lawn sign policy says nothing in regard to notification of an organization or individual whose signs are removed and discarded, leaving the organization or individual to discover that their signs are missing; and

WHEREAS, the current lawn sign policy only applies to signs placed upon the Central Campus Mall and the south lawn of the Davies Center; and

WHEREAS, lawn signs have been placed upon the hill that separates upper and lower campus, and this practice occurs regularly during Homecoming Week; and
WHEREAS, the current lawn sign policy has been enforced on a selective basis by UW-Eau Claire Event Service’s own admission; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned discarding of signs has been enforced on a sporadic and selective basis by Event Service’s own admission; and

WHEREAS, the destruction of signs has been applied sporadically by Event Services own admission with no forewarning; and

WHEREAS, numerous interviews with Student Organizations staff has shown that these rules are rarely, if ever, enforced for organizations or events that are funded by the University, such as Homecoming, Possibility Pete, The Forum, etc; and

WHEREAS, after numerous complaints from organizations, suggestions to reform the way these policies are enforced by Event Services has been met unreceptively; and

WHEREAS, any organizational rules should be applied to all organizations equally, not on a case-by-case basis or by whenever complaints are received; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Student Senate supports a reform of the organizational lawn sign policy; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Senate ask Event Services to work with Student Senate’s Organizations Commission on these reforms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these rules be applied uniformly, regardless of the message or funding of the organization or activity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate ask that discarding signs not be the first option and there be some system in place that can be uniformly applied to all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate supports extension of the lawn sign policy to include the hill that separates upper and lower campus; 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; Charles Farrell, Director, University Centers; Candice Wilson, Associate Director, University Centers; and Karen Stuber, Coordinator, University Centers.

SUBMITTED BY:
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