UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF CIVILITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
SYSTEM’S JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING CIVILITY

WHEREAS, during the current academic year, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, fellow University of Wisconsin System campuses, and surrounding communities have experienced incidences of violence and intolerance; and

WHEREAS, classmates, colleagues, and university personnel have been victims to intolerance of race, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, religion and other forms of prejudice; and

WHEREAS, acts of prejudice or discrimination on any basis should be challenged by the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and the University of Wisconsin System; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin System issued a Joint Statement Regarding Civility on November 23, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin System held a special conference on “Civility in Everyday Life” at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on February 24 and 25, 2011; and
WHEREAS, each University of Wisconsin institution was represented by a Civility Leadership Team comprised of faculty, staff, students, and diversity/inclusivity group leaders; and
WHEREAS, those in attendance gained invaluable insights on the actions of fellow University of Wisconsin system institutions to eliminate abusive actions on their campuses and promote civility; and
WHEREAS, this insight will serve as inspiration for future action to put a stop to acts of prejudice and discrimination on University of Wisconsin System campuses and in their surrounding communities; and
WHEREAS, in a civil society, diversity is cherished and encouraged to flourish; and
WHEREAS, a call for civility is not a call for limits on individual expression; and
WHEREAS, civility promotes safe, collegial learning and working environments; and
WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is dedicated to excellence through civility; and
WHEREAS, civility is not learned individually; it is practiced as a community;
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate reaffirms the University of Wisconsin System's Joint Statement Regarding Civility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate urges the students, staff, and faculty of the UW-Eau Claire community to recommit themselves to a shared sense of civility; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Jambrek transmit copies of this resolution to all UW Chancellors and Interim Chancellors; 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; Jacqueline Bonneville, Assistant Dean of Students; Jennifer Lee, Director, CASE; Dr. Ari Anand, Assistant Professor, Geography/Anthropology; Dr. Robert Eierman, Director, CETL; Dr. Kent Syverson, Chair, Geology Department; and Dr. Kevin Reilly, President, UW-System.

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