

April 4, 2011
PASSED by VOICE VOTE
54-R-26

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF ALLOWING A CLUB SPORT WITH A SAME SPORT/SAME
GENDER VARSITY SPORT AND NO INTRAMURAL

1 WHEREAS, the 44th Session of Student Senate passed a
2 Resolution in opposition to the funding of a club sport that is
3 also a varsity sport of the same gender; and

4 WHEREAS, the policy outlined in 44-R-29 (Attachment "A") is
5 currently in effect and is outlined in the Sport Club Handbook;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the current policy does not allow for any lower
8 level of organized competition than Varsity if there is no
9 intramural sport program in place; and

10 WHEREAS, some sports, such as ice hockey, are well
11 represented on the UW-Eau Claire campus with many athletes who
12 either cannot or choose not to participate at the Varsity level;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, many of these athletes would still like to play
15 their sport competitively but cannot due to a lack of intramural
16 programming for their sport; and

17 WHEREAS, allowing the formation of a Sport Club for these
18 sports would help alleviate this problem; and

19 WHEREAS, those athletes who wish to participate in their
20 sport at the club level are often very dedicated; and

21 WHEREAS, this dedication usually means that they are
22 willing to fundraise as much as possible and not rely too
23 heavily on student fees for financial support; and

24 WHEREAS, the example of the Hockey Club supports this claim
25 as the club has existed for one year without any funding other
26 than what it has raised on its own; and

27 WHEREAS, the club has thrived and has proven its ability to
28 support itself much in the same way as Club Sports do; and

29 WHEREAS, the Hockey Club was used as a case study by both
30 Student Senate and the Recreation Department to explore the
31 possibility of enacting this proposed change in policy; and

32 WHEREAS, Club Sports are considered student organizations
33 and therefore must follow the same guidelines as all other
34 student organizations;

35 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Student Senate support the
36 change in Recreation Policy to allow the formation of a sport
37 club that has a varsity level sport of the same gender so long
38 as no intramural program is in place for that sport; and

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that so long as a club sport with a
40 Varsity level sport of the same gender is active no intramural
41 program will be active for that sport; and

42 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Jambrek
43 transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-
44 Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice
45 Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs;
46 Dr. Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dave Gessner, Assistant
47 Chancellor, Budget and Finance; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair,
48 University Senate; Vicki Funne Reed, Director, Recreation; Jon
49 Bollinger, Intramural and Sports Club Coordinator; and Andy
50 Jepsen, Sports Facilities and Open Recreation Coordinator.

SUBMITTED BY:
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