WHEREAS, currently the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) oversees multiple financial aid programs; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 144 directs the Higher Educational Aids Board to create a temporary committee tasked with the mission to study the potential for consolidating all financial aid programs administered by HEAB into a single comprehensive, need-based grant program for both full and part-time students; and

WHEREAS, the board will consist of the HEAB executive secretary, the chairperson of HEAB, a HEAB member designated by the chairperson, two representatives of the University of Wisconsin System, two representatives of the Wisconsin association of independent colleges and universities, and two representatives of the Wisconsin technical college system, a member of the assembly appointed by the speaker, and a member of the senate appointed by the majority leader, along with the three student members of the HEAB; and
WHEREAS, the board will be expected to make its recommendations to HEAB and the legislature no later than April 1, 2012, and afterwards the commission will disband;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate of UW-Eau Claire supports AB 144 and the need for the modernization and consolidation of financial aid programs that are currently administered by the Higher Educational Aids Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate of UW-Eau Claire supports the addition of the three student members that currently sit on HEAB to this special commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate of UW-Eau Claire thanks Representative Joan Ballweg for offering the amendment which places the three student members on the special commission; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent 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; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; Dave Gessner, Assistant Chancellor, Budget & Finance; Representative Warren Petryk; Representative Bill Kramer; Representative Dale Kooyenga; Representative Stephen Nass; Representative Dean Knudson; Representative Donald Pridemore; Representative Daniel
Representative Paul Farrow; Representative Evan Wynn; Representative Barbara Toles; Representative Terese Berceau; Representative Louis Molepske Jr; Representative Mark Pocan; Senator Glenn Grothman; Senator Frank Lasee; Senator Dale Schultz; Senator Julie Lassa; Senator Kathleen Vinehout Representative Dean Kaufert; Representative Samantha Kerkman; Representative Howard Marklein; Representative Travis Tranel; Representative David Craig; Representative Duey Stroebel; Representative Jason Fields; Representative Josh Zepnick; Representative Leon Young; Representative Gordon Hintz; Representative Jon Richards; Representative Jeff Fitzgerald; and Governor Scott Walker.

SUBMITTED BY:
Corydon Fish, Intergovernmental Affairs Commission and Off-Campus Senator
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