UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE REFORM OF UNITED COUNCIL OF UW-STUDENTS

1 WHEREAS, United Council of UW-Students’ mission is to
2 represent all University of Wisconsin System Students and
3 advocate for them on issues of Higher Education pertaining to
4 value, quality, and the student experience; and
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6 WHEREAS, the purpose of United Council of UW-Students is to
7 ensure that students are heard, supported, and enabled to affect
8 change; to ensure that United Council of UW-Students’ presence
9 in government is respected and valued to ensure that quality and
10 value of both education and the students experience is
11 continually improving and maximized; and to recognize and
12 advocate for the University of Wisconsin System’s link to the
13 prosperity of the State of Wisconsin; and
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15 WHEREAS, United Council of UW-Students represents the
16 entirety of the student population in the UW System; and
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18 WHEREAS, in the current political environment, having
19 professional representation of students has become more
20 important than ever; and
WHEREAS, it has become evident that status quo advocacy is not enough to adequately protect student interests at the State level; and

WHEREAS, an effective strategy for reaching out to our elected officials must be developed and implemented in order to assist not only the current student body, but for all future students as well; and

WHEREAS, the actions of United Council, should be reviewable by a body representing a broader cross-section of the student population;

WHEREAS, Section 1.30 the United Council of the UW Students Personnel Policies and Procedures states that “these policies shall be applicable and binding for all staff members, the Executive Director, and the Board of Directors” and Section 4.00 states the “Zero tolerance of discrimination, harassment, and criminal acts”

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the actions of United Council should be representative of a broad coalition of UW-Students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that United Council should hold itself to the highest standards of professional conduct and adopt and enforce an internal mechanism to govern the conduct of official representatives of United Council; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that United Council should develop an alternative short and long term advocacy strategy composed of both proactive and reactive elements in order to best represent the interests of UW-Students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: UW Eau Claire Student Senate requests, as per the above Personnel Policies and Procedures, that a formal grievance be filed by the Senate against United Council President Hoffmeister and Board member Pincikowski for their actions, which resulted in arrest, at Sallie Mae Headquarters in Washington D.C.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: UW Eau Claire Student Senate recommends that no disciplinary action be taken against either Hoffmeister or Pincikowski, but rather that a review of the policy and its enforcement be undertaken, and that a formal apology be issued by Hoffmeister and Pincikowski; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UW-Student Representatives should provide oversight to United Council to ensure that policy positions and advocacy operations are aligned with the interests of UW-Students across the UW-System; 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; UW President Kevin Reilly; Regent President Michael Spector; Regent Members: Edmund Manydeeds, Seth Hoffmeister, Dylan Jambrek, Beth Huang, Courtney Morse; Representative Scott Suder; Representative John Nygren; Representative Stephen Nass; Representative Dean Knudson, Representative Joan Ballweg; Representative Donald Pridemore; Representative Daniel Knodl; Representative Paul Farrow; Representative Evan Wynn; Representative Barbara Toles; Representative Terese Berceau; Representative Louis Molepske, Jr.; Representative Mark Pocan; Representative Robin Vos; Representative Jeff Fitzgerald; Senator Alberta Darling; Senator Scott Fitzgerald; Senator Dale Schultz; Senator Neal Kedzie; Senator Terry Moulton; Senator Dave Hansen; Senator Jennifer Shilling; and Senator Jessica King.

SUBMITTED BY:
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