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PASSED by ACCLAMATION

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–EAU CLAIRE  
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN RECOGNITION OF MARY JANE BRUKARDT AS CO–WINNER OF THE  
RON SATZ STUDENT ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 2010–2011

WHEREAS, Mary Jane "MJ" Brukardt serves as the Assistant to  
the Chancellor for Strategic Planning; and

WHEREAS, according to a press release, MJ Brukardt began at  
the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire on May 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, MJ probably wrote that press release; and

WHEREAS, despite her many accomplishments, MJ is burdened  
by the truth that she is, in fact, Canadian; and

WHEREAS, at times MJ uses the phrase “Buffalo Sabers –  
Stanley Cup” to distract the Chancellor to what she’s actually  
doing; and

WHEREAS, MJ is the Chancellor’s office; and

WHEREAS, when the Chancellor was considering Hawaii  
Pacific, President Jambrek’s first remark was “Oh, God, MJ isn’t  
leaving, is she?;” and

WHEREAS, without MJ the Chancellor would be about half as  
articulate in public; and

WHEREAS, we aren’t sure what kind of comment that makes  
about MJ; and
WHEREAS, we really aren’t sure what comment that makes about the Chancellor; and

WHEREAS, MJ came down to the Senate office to complain about the readership program taking away her newspaper opportunities; and

WHEREAS, MJ was then pleasantly surprised by the “customer service” of the Senate office; and

WHEREAS, without MJ’s guidance the Blugold Commitment wouldn’t have had quite such a catchy name; and

WHEREAS, the student body owes MJ a debt of gratitude; and

WHEREAS, because of MJ’s work on the Blugold Commitment, the student body literally owes a debt of about $1200; and

WHEREAS, now, MJ is currently thinking about the 40% of financial aid in the Blugold Commitment; and

WHEREAS, yes, MJ, we know; and

WHEREAS, MJ loved school so much that after undergrad she took a “break” off for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, after attending or working at schools in Canada, Indiana, Eastern Washington, and Eau Claire, Wisconsin, MJ has officially lived in some of the blandest places on Earth; and

WHEREAS, MJ has been working so hard on the new gold arrows that she broke her arm; and
WHEREAS, due to her work with the strategic plan, MJ has to do extensive work with faculty committees; and

WHEREAS, we are SO sorry; and

WHEREAS, when the Chancellor is speaking, Student Senate officials take bets as to whether or not MJ, Mike Rindo, or the Chancellor actually wrote the remarks; and

WHEREAS, MJ is the inspiration for Spiderman’s Mary Jane Watson; and

WHEREAS, when Mark Morgan and Dylan Jambrek run for executive office, they will hire MJ as their Chief Communications Officer; and

WHEREAS, MJ is mentally writing plans at all times of the day; and

WHEREAS, MJ is currently formulating a plan to get back at the authors for this resolution; and

WHEREAS, we still really aren’t sure who MJ reports to; and

WHEREAS, we still really aren’t sure that MJ isn’t the real Chancellor and Brian’s just the fall guy; and

WHEREAS, thanks to MJ, President Jambrek and Vice President Morgan wouldn’t have had a multiple day trip to Chicago; and

WHEREAS, this body can feel comforted that that had nothing to do with MJ winning this award; and

WHEREAS, what IS a strategic plan anyways?; and
WHEREAS, I mean, really, what plans are purposefully unstrategic?: and

WHEREAS, due to her uses of the words “forum, committee, workgroup, taskforce, charrette,” it’s clear MJ has infinite words for a meeting where people come and express their opinions; and

WHEREAS, MJ can make anything sound cooler than it actually is; and

WHEREAS, MJ has taken a purposeful effort to include students in high-level conversations and meetings on the strategic plan, the University’s direction, and the Blugold Commitment; and

WHEREAS, at all times, MJ is looking to truly make students active participants in institutional governance; and

WHEREAS, without Mary Jane Brukardt, the students would have much less input than they currently enjoy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate, on behalf of the over eleven thousand students at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, do award the Ron Satz Student Advocate of the Year Award for 2010-2011 to Mary Jane Brukardt; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that Mary Jane Brukardt continues to be a model for other University staff for involving students in the direction of their University; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage the President transmits copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost, Mary Jane Brukardt, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Strategic Planning; Sue King, Executive Assistant for Academic Affairs; Mike Rindo, Assistant Chancellor for Facilities; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage a copy of this resolution be placed in MJ’s permanent employment file as a commendation.

SUBMITTED BY:
Dylan Jambrek, Student Body President
Mark Morgan, Student Body Vice President-Elect
May 9, 2011