UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF CHANGING UW SYSTEM FINANCIAL POLICY 50 TO FULLY ACHIEVE SHARED GOVERNANCE FOR STUDENTS

WHEREAS, UW System Financial Policy 50 is the major policy of UW System regarding segregated fees and their allocation at UW campuses; and

WHEREAS, F50 establishes that there is a classification of segregated fees referred to as "non-allocable" fees; and

WHEREAS, these fees include those "that are used to support long-term commitments for fixed financial obligations, ongoing operating costs of university owned or controlled buildings, and similar commitments for student unions, health centers, child care centers and recreational sports centers;" and

WHEREAS, "non-allocable" fees are set at the purview of the Chancellor in consultation with students; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5) states that, "As such, students shall have the primary responsibility for the formulation and review of policies concerning student life, services, and interests" and "Students in consultation with the chancellor and subject to the final confirmation of the board shall have the responsibility for the disposition of those..."
student fees which constitute substantial support for the campus student activities;” and

WHEREAS, some of these services designated as non-allocable deal substantially with policies concerning student life, services and interests for which students have the primary responsibility; and

WHEREAS, some of these services designated as non-allocable constitute substantial support for campus student activities and therefore should be set by students in consultation with the Chancellor and approved by the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, at UW-Eau Claire non-allocables include recreation, parking office, and university centers; and

WHEREAS, at UW-Eau Claire allocable include athletics, health services, and countless other programs with “long-term obligations;” and

WHEREAS, the Student Senate of UW-Eau Claire has a long and respected history of meaningful deliberations and ultimately responsible allocation of fees to programs vital to the functioning of the University;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate of UW-Eau Claire calls for a comprehensive review of F50 that restores legal student control of all fees which constitute substantial support for campus student activities; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper representations of UW-Eau Claire Student Senate should pursue a change in the University’s non-allocable segregated fee policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this change should be one that grants students their legal authority under 36.09(5) and in holding to the State’s strong tradition of shared governance, to be primarily responsible for the allocation of student fees, in consultation with the Chancellor; 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 System President Kevin Reilly; President Michael Spector, Board of Regents; and Thomas Stafford, UW System Legal Department.

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