1. The Confluence Project

Objective: Communicate to the community and student body the positive impact The Confluence Project would have on both entities, and the imperative nature of continuing to support this joint venture between the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, the City of Eau Claire, the County of Eau Claire, and numerous private partners.

Implementation: The Student Senate and IGA shall act as tireless advocates for this project, attending Eau Claire City Council and County Board meetings to ensure a student representative is present should a question arise. At these meetings and in talks with legislators in Madison, these representatives shall raise the importance of the Confluence Project to increased student housing, a modernization of performing arts facilities, and the ability for students to live and learn in a unique environment.

Partners: Assistant Chancellor Mike Rindo; Kimera Way, President of the Blugold Foundation; Eau Claire Regional Arts Center; Haymarket Concepts.

Audience: Eau Claire City Council; Eau Claire County Board; UW Board of Regents; UW-Eau Claire student body, faculty, and administration; community of Eau Claire; Zach Halmstad, JAMF Software.

2. Garfield Avenue Project

Objective: Convey the necessity of the Garfield Avenue project to legislators at the state level to help ensure funding continues and is approved.

Implementation: In meetings with legislators, emphasize the necessity of this upgrade for the structural integrity of infrastructure beneath Garfield Avenue. In addition, this project is crucial to the eventual construction of the new science hall and plans for traffic on the hill in the 20-Year Master Plan.

Partners: Assistant Chancellor Mike Rindo; Master Planning Committee.

Audience: State Building Commission; UW-Eau Claire State Representatives; UW-Eau Claire student body.

3. Differential Tuition

Objective: Establish the importance of bringing back Differential Tuition to the student body, administration, and legislature to continue immersive education experiences and collaborative research.

Implementation: Educate the parties involved about the full extent of Blugold Commitment's impact at UW-Eau Claire to build support behind its continuation.
This will be included in lobbying trips to the capital, and in meetings with students so each party knows the full impact of differential tuition.

Partners: Provost Patricia Klein; Stephanie Jamelske, Budget Officer for Academic Affairs; Student Senate Academic Affairs Commission; Blugold Commitment funded programs; United Council of UW Students.

Audience: UW-Eau Claire student body, State Legislature.

4. Residence Hall

Objective: Push for approval of the new residence hall project to continue because of its imperative role in updating infrastructure and relieving campus housing deficits.

Implementation: In meetings with legislators, underscore that this dormitory is the first step in a process to relieve the 108% occupancy in residence halls. These conversations should reinforce the support for state funding to this project.

Partners: Assistant Chancellor Mike Rindo; State Building Commission; Residence Hall Association; Housing and Residence Life.

Audience: UW-Eau Claire Student Body; state legislators; The Plaza and The America’s Best Value Inn.

5. River Watch

Objective: Monitor the establishment of a student and community-run safety network to prevent student deaths in the Chippewa River. Ultimately, the goal is for the program to promote river and alcohol safety on our campus.

Implementation: Become involved with meetings between the multiple entities currently discussing this initiative and represent the student body in these discussions.

Partners: Vice Chancellor Beth Hellwig; Dean of Students Joe Abhold; representatives of Chippewa Valley Technical College; Eau Claire Police Department; Peggy O’Halloran, CASE and Off-Campus Housing; Eau Claire City Council.

6. Student Safety Initiatives

Objective: Promote student wellness initiatives both on and off campus to continue improving the conditions our patrons experience in their years here.

Implementation: This priority is a multi-pronged local effort to promote ongoing wellness developments on campus. This will include the analysis of campus bike friendliness, transit routes between new student housing locations (such as the Priory), review of metered parking options on campus, logistics of the upcoming
Summit Avenue Bridge reconstruction planned for 2015, a classification system for Eau Claire’s best renters and landlords, and other forthcoming student wellness issues. To effectively promote student involvement in all of these projects, the Senate shall divide duties between the commissions most related to the items concerned and the Board of Directors. As necessary, legislation and appointments can be made by the full body to advance each project.

Partners: Assistant Chancellor Mike Rindo; Vice Chancellor Beth Hellwig; Dean of Students Joe Abhold; Student Services Commission; Residence Hall Association; Peggy O’Halloran.

Audience: Eau Claire City Council; Eau Claire County Board; UW-Eau Claire student body, faculty and administration; community of Eau Claire.