WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate knows that in order to stay competitive, we must provide students with the most up-to-date technology; and

WHEREAS, prospective, incoming and seasoned students are interested in mobile technologies to enhance their experiences on campus; and

WHEREAS, our newly unveiled UW-Eau Claire mobile application allows for a mobile bus tracking module; and

WHEREAS, bus travel provides students with a more sustainable method of commuting to and from campus; and

WHEREAS, bus tracking would allow for more efficient utilization of public transit; and

WHEREAS, single occupancy vehicle transportation is natural resource intensive and results in excessive amounts of air pollution, water pollution, energy consumption, and fossil fuel consumption; and

WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire is a cosignatory of the American College & University President’s Climate Commitment and thus
has committed to becoming a carbon neutral campus; and

WHEREAS, providing convenient and reliable public transportation options will reduce student dependence on single occupancy vehicle transportation as well as reduce negative student environmental impacts;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate in collaboration with the Information Technology Commission and the Student Office of Sustainability support live bus tracking; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the City of Eau Claire is encouraged to research and implement a solution to allow for live bus tracking; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Joseph Abhold, Dean of Students; Mitch Freymiller, Chair, University Senate; Dave Gessner, Vice Chancellor, Administration & Finance; Mark Reeves, Director, Business Services; Craig Mey, Director, Learning & Technology Services; Chip Eckardt, CIO; Mike Branco, Director, City of Eau Claire Transit; and Tyler Schroeder, Emerging Technology Specialist.
SUBMITTED BY
Christian Paese, Information Technology Commission Director and Off-Campus Senator
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