UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF ALL-GENDER HOUSING

WHEREAS, students of the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire have expressed support for All-Gender Housing through Residence Hall Association survey; and

WHEREAS, students of UW–Eau Claire also expressed support for All-Gender Housing through delegates of Residence Hall Association; and

WHEREAS, All-Gender Housing would provide the opportunity for males, females, and trans* students to live together in suite-style residence halls; and

WHEREAS, All-Gender Housing would appeal to and foster a more inclusive learning environment for students; and

WHEREAS, All-Gender Housing would create on-campus dorm safety for some students; and

WHEREAS, any students that wish to participate in All-Gender Housing must sign-up in full unit groups to guarantee no resident is randomly assigned to All-Gender Housing; and

WHEREAS, All-Gender Housing would better emulate off-campus living through All-Gender on-campus housing situations; and
WHEREAS, All-Gender Housing would be desirable for some prospective students; and

WHEREAS, All-Gender Housing would have a positive impact on student retention due to the facilitation of more inclusive learning environments; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee have instated All-Gender Housing and have seen minimal community controversy regarding such policy; and

WHEREAS, other University of Wisconsin System schools are currently considering implementing All-Gender Housing; and

WHEREAS, All-Gender Housing would support the UW-System inclusive Excellence Strategic Plan;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate believes that All-Gender Housing would benefit students at UW-Eau Claire; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Senate believes that All-Gender Housing would be an asset for UW-Eau Claire Housing and Residence Life program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Senate implores UW-Eau Claire to implement such policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UW-Eau Claire Student Senate is committed to ensuring a safe and open learning and living environment for every student and fully supports a responsible
implementation of All-Gender Housing program; 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; Martin Hanifin, Vice Chancellor, Administration & Finance; Mark Reeves, Director, Business Services; and Charles Major, Director; Housing & Residence Life.

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