Legislative Priority Summary- Spring 2014

1. The Confluence Project

Objective: To communicate to the student body that the county referendum would have a positive impact on the future of the project and should be supported. Additionally, communicate that the city referendum could enact a string of crippling referenda that would hinder the ability of local government to function efficiently and should not be supported.

Implementation: The Student Senate and Intergovernmental Affairs Commission shall inform and engage the student body with facts about the project, while simultaneously registering them to vote and informing them about the election, to affect a positive outcome at the April 1 election.

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

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

2. 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.

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

3. 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.

4. UW-Eau Claire Parking

Objective: Examine current parking situation at UW-Eau Claire and identify a course of action that is most beneficial to the UW-Eau Claire student body and community at large.

Implementation: Conduct surveys, informal listening sessions, and a review of existing parking infrastructure to formulate a conclusion. Once a consensus has been reached, engage the necessary faculty and administration to convey student opinion and hopefully effectuate positive change.

Partners: Neighborhood Association; UW-Eau Claire student body; Student Office of Sustainability.

Audience: Assistant Chancellor Mike Rindo; Assistant Chancellor Marty Hanifin; Terry Classen, director of facilities; Chancellor James Schmidt.

5. Incorporate students into city committees

Objective: Get student positions established on city council committees that deal with issues relevant to the interests of the student body.

Implementation: After identifying the committees best suited for students, pass resolutions of support for establishing student positions and then communicate with the city council to implement these changes.

Partners: City Manager Russ Van Gompel; City Councillors Andrew Werthmann, Kathy Mitchell, and Catherine Emmanuel.

Audience: Eau Claire City Council.