UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE BICYCLE AND
PEDESTRIAN PLAN

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is to guide changes aimed at making the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire more bicycle and pedestrian friendly; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was developed by the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Sub-Committee of the University Master Planning Committee during the 2013-2014 academic year; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan enacts recommendations from the University Campus Master Plan 2010-2030 from the section titled “Campus Movement;” and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan has four overarching goals: 1) Create policies and infrastructure that will help increase the share of faculty, staff, and students commute trips taken by bicycle and foot; 2) Insure the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians on campus; 3) Promote campus awareness of transportation by bicycle and by foot; 4)
Improve connectivity between the University and community; and

WHEREAS, the vision for Lower Campus is to create an outer loop of bicycle-accommodating routes around a walk-only, pedestrian-centered, central campus mall; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan recommends that the central campus mall should be designated as a walk-only zone during high usage times to ensure the safety of pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan follows the five E’s of bicycling—Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation and Planning; and

WHEREAS, key recommendations for the Engineering section focus on biking infrastructure, including strategically located overnight and non-overnight bicycle parking (including covered parking), the redesign of Garfield Avenue and the new footbridge ramp, the addition of a Putnam Drive bridge, and bike lockers for secure parking; and

WHEREAS, key recommendations for the Education section are continuing to expand efforts and developing a centralized website with information regarding campus bicycle infrastructure (i.e. route maps, covered parking, uncovered parking locations, repair facilities, etc.), bicycle incentive programs (i.e. ZAP, biking events), and other information; and

WHEREAS, key recommendations for the Enforcement section
are implementing the ZAP incentive program, promoting the recommended comprehensive website to incoming students, and organized group rides; and

WHEREAS, key recommendations for the Encouragement section are implementing the ZAP incentive program, promoting the recommended comprehensive website to incoming students, and organized group rides; and

WHEREAS, key recommendations for the Evaluation and Planning section are to establish a University Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to maintain the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan that will be part of the Campus Master Plan, to develop a bicycle pedestrian evaluation system, and to initiate a planning process to address bicycle and pedestrian concerns regarding development; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in final draft form is Attachment “A;” and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan will be presented next to the Physical Plant Planning Commission and then move onto the University Master Planning Committee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is in support of the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as it moves forward to be reviewed by the Physical Plant Commission and then the University Master Planning Committee; 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; Dr. Martin Hanifin, Vice Chancellor, Administration & Finance; Mark Reeves, Director, Business Services; Mike Rindo, Assistant Chancellor, Facilities and University Relations; Terry Classen, Director, Facilities Management; Lynn Peterson, Assistant Director for Operations of Facilities Management; Christina Hupy, Sustainability Fellow; Bob Eierman, Professor, Chemistry Department; Sean Hartnett, Professor, Geography/Anthropology Department; Rick Gonzales, Director, Facilities Planning; Peter Rejto, Assistant Director, Budget and Physical Plant Operations; Troy Terhark, Director, University Recreation and Sport Facilities; Jim Boulter, Professor, Chemistry Department; Chair of the Physical Plant Planning Committee; Al Wiberg, Program Director, Environmental Adventure Center; and Dan Langlois, Assistant Director, Recreation and Sport Facilities.

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