UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF TURBOVOTE ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION TO
FOSTER ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

WHEREAS, the Student Senate undertakes annual efforts to
increase rates of student voter registration; and

WHEREAS, past efforts have included tabling, classroom
visits, and personal registration quotas; and

WHEREAS, these tactics have been effective, as shown by a
marked increase in on-campus student voting during the 2014 spring
election; and

WHEREAS, this outcome was desirable and in line with Student
Senate’s mission and values; and

WHEREAS, these voter registration efforts were also time
intensive for participating Special Registration Deputies and did
not reach stated registration goals; and

WHEREAS, human error also resulted in additional work for
Special Registration Deputies and city officials; and

WHEREAS, TurboVote online voter registration allows students
to populate PDF voter registration forms through a series of easy-
to-follow online prompts; and
WHEREAS, TurboVote then sends students a pre-addressed envelope in which students can submit their voter registration forms; and

WHEREAS, TurboVote also allows students to sign up for text and e-mail message voting reminders; and

WHEREAS, a co-branded TurboVote site can allow the Student Senate to engage students more efficiently than ever before; and

WHEREAS, the number of volunteer hours necessary to reach the student body would be greatly reduced through the use of mass e-mails, strategic placement on MyCampS and D2L, as well as incorporation into the University and the Student Senate websites;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire strongly supports the widespread implementation of TurboVote to increase student voter registration rates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate encourages the incorporation of the co-branded TurboVote site on MyCampS, D2L, the University homepage, and the Student Senate website; 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; Craig Mey, LTS; Mike
Rindo, Assistant Chancellor for Facilities and University Relations; and Donna Austad, Eau Claire City Clerk.

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