WHEREAS, the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is committed to promoting student interests in all aspects of university operations; and

WHEREAS, the Davies Center provides the student body with a centralized location for activities and campus involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Davies Center provides meeting areas and event planning services to students for free; and

WHEREAS, there was an available $48.8 million to complete construction of the Davies Center; and

WHEREAS, building condition costs of $1,530,796.10 were necessary to provide lighting, staging, furnishing, and other equipment; and

WHEREAS, University Centers fronted costs for these improvements from a non-construction account to allow purchases to be made in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the exact purchases are presented in Attachment "A;" and
WHEREAS, this expenditure was made with the understanding that University Centers would be reimbursed from the construction reserve fund for that expenditure; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure would replenish the account from which University Centers fronted the purchase of these essential items, which is intended to support ongoing costs incurred in the operation of the Davies Center; and

WHEREAS, the Director of University Centers has met with executive members of the Student Senate to review and discuss the $1,530,796.10 building improvement costs; and

WHEREAS, the Centers Addition Reserve account (Accounting String 228-0-892006) has sufficient funds available to reimburse University Centers for the building improvements from Attachment “A;” and

WHEREAS, this reimbursement would guarantee continued high-quality operation of the Davies Center, which is aligned with UW-Eau Claire’s student-oriented focus;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate supports returning $1,530,796.10 of the balance in the Centers Addition Reserve account to University Centers to reimburse them for their purchase of essential items; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive members of the Student Senate periodically discuss the condition of accounts regarding the Davies Center with the Director of University
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; and Charles Farrell, Director, University Centers.

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