UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF EAU CLAIRE PROVIDING ACCESS
TO PROOF OF RESIDENCE AT POLLING LOCATIONS

WHEREAS, the Student Senate encourages the student body to participate in elections; and

WHEREAS, the Student Senate has taken steps to facilitate this participation; and

WHEREAS, proof of residence is a requirement to register to vote in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin allows same day registration; and

WHEREAS, many students utilize same day registration due to frequent address change; and

WHEREAS, frequent address change makes it difficult for students to provide proof of residence; and

WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire provides access to proof of residence online for currently enrolled students; and

WHEREAS, other forms of proof of residence such as utility bills and bank statements are becoming increasingly prevalent online; and
WHEREAS, at certain polling locations during the November 4th, 2014 elections, several off-campus students were unable to register due to the unreliable access to proof of residence that mobile devices provide or because of lack of access to a mobile device;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate strongly supports that City of Eau Claire require an internet accessible computer or device be provided at polling locations throughout the City of Eau Claire by either the City itself or by a cooperating institution for the purpose of providing proof of residence to election officials; 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; Mike Rindo, Assistant Chancellor, Facilities and University Relations; Russ Van Gompel, City Manager; Donna Austad, City Clerk; and the Eau Claire City Council.

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