UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE BIRT’S CAMPUS VISIBILITY EFFORTS

WHEREAS, the Bias Incident Response Team, or BIRT, is a group of faculty, staff, administrators, and students who work to create a UW-Eau Claire campus environment that is safe and welcoming; and

WHEREAS, equity, diversity, and inclusiveness on campus are identified as goals in the university’s strategic planning process; and

WHEREAS, the BIRT is one of many university initiatives that relate to enhanced inclusivity efforts on campus; and

WHEREAS, the BIRT is concerned that not enough students are aware of the bias/hate incident reporting process; and

WHEREAS, reporting bias/hate incidents allows the BIRT to address such incidents in a timely, responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, the Student Senate has repeatedly voiced its support for increased appreciation for diversity and respect for students, faculty, staff and community members on UW-Eau Claire’s campus; and

WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate has the ability to connect the student population to university faculty,
WHEREAS, the Student Senate Public Relations Commission can bring the efforts of the BIRT to a larger audience so that the team’s resources can be more available to the campus community; BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate and the Public Relations Commission supports the BIRT in their plans to gain more campus visibility by promoting and expanding upon the team’s own public relations efforts; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate will explore options to promote a broader awareness and renewed commitment to the current harassment policy in order to foster a safe campus climate for students, faculty, staff, and administration alike; 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; Deborah Newman, Associate Director, Housing and Residence Life; Dr. Mary Canales, EDI Fellow; Dr. David Jones, EDI Fellow; Dr. Jesse Dixon, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs; Sgt. Jay Dobson, University Police; Christopher Jorgenson, Women’s and LGBTQ Resource Center Coordinator; Dr. Teresa O’Halloran, Assistant to the Chancellor
for Affirmative Action; Julie Poquette, Director, News Bureau; and
David Sprick, Chief of University Police.

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