1. The Confluence Project

**Objective:** Communicate at the state level as well as continuing to communicate with the community and student body the positive impact the project would have on both entities, and the imperative nature of continuing to support this joint venture between the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, the City of Eau Claire, the County of Eau Claire, and numerous private partners to ensure the proposed $15 million challenge grant is maintained in the 2015-2017 state budget.

**Implementation:** The Student Senate and IGA shall act as tireless advocates for this project, with their main focus being at the state level, meeting with state legislators to discuss the importance of the Confluence Project to the community and our university. The Student Senate shall also continue to advocate locally to ensure the necessary amount of funding. The Student Senate shall continue their presence at Eau Claire City Council and County Board meetings to ensure a student representative is present should a question arise.

**Partners:** Chancellor James Schmidt; Assistant Chancellor Mike Rindo; Kimera Way, President of Blugold Foundation; Eau Claire Regional Arts Center; Haymarket Concepts; Representatives Wachs, Bernier, Petryk; Senators Moulton and Vinehout; UW System President Ray Cross

**Audience:** UW System Board of Regents, State Legislature, Governor Scott Walker, Eau Claire City Council, Eau Claire County Board

2. Proposed 2015-2017 UW System Budget Cut

**Objective:** Advocate for reducing the size of the proposed $300 million budget cut to the UW System

**Implementation:** Student Senate and IGA will meet with state legislators to emphasize the impact the cut would have on the UW System and the imperativeness of reducing the cut to successfully transition into the proposed public authority model. Student Senate will also educate students about the cut and its impact so to empower and give them the tools needed to take part in the political dialogue.

**Partners:** Chancellor James Schimdt, Assistant Chancellor Mike Rindo, UW System

**Audience:** State Legislature, Governor Scott Walker, UW-Eau Claire Student Body
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3. Residence Hall

**Objective:** Ensure the new residence hall project moves forward because of its imperative role in updating university infrastructure and relieving campus housing deficits.

**Implementation:** Meet with state legislators to keep pushing for state funding of this project by emphasizing the important role it plays in relieving the 108-percent occupancy in the current residence halls.

**Partners:** Chancellor James Schmidt; Assistant Chancellor Mike Rindo; Residence Hall Association; Housing and Residence Life; State Building Commission; Representative. Gordon Hintz; UW System Board of Regents; Housing Director Charles Major; Senator Terry Moulton

**Audience:** State Legislature, Governor Scott Walker, state Department of Administration, UW-Eau Claire student body

4. Blugold Commitment

**Objective:** Push to unfreeze differential tuition so that Blugold Commitment, which students opted to implement and is imperative to high-impact practices at UW-Eau Claire, can receive its final funding increment.

**Implementation:** Continue to educate parties involved about the extent of Blugold Commitment’s impact at UW-Eau Claire to build support for unfreezing it. This will include communicating our message with students and lobbying trips to the capital to emphasize the uniqueness of our differential tuition.

**Partners:** Chancellor James Schmidt; Assistant Chancellor Mike Rindo; Provost Patricia Klein; Stephanie Jamelske, Budget Officer for Academic Affairs; Student Senate Academic Affairs Commission; Blugold Commitment funded programs; UW-Stevens Point Student Government Association

**Audience:** UW- Eau Claire Student Body, State Legislature

5. County Materials Event and Recreation Complex

**Objective:** Student Senate and IGA shall be informed and involved with the initial planning stages of the County Materials Event and Recreation Complex.

**Implementation:** Attend meetings with partners, planning committees, and Eau Claire City Council to show support for and remain involved with all aspects of the project.
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**Partners:** Mayo Clinic; Eau Claire YMCA; UW-Eau Claire Foundation; Sonnetag Foundation

**Audience:** UW-Eau Claire Student Body, Eau Claire City Council

6. **Campus Area Facilities Improvement**

**Objective:** Advocate for the approval of improvements to facilities on and near campus to ensure students’ safety and the implementation of the university’s Master Plan.

**Implementation:** This priority has several aspects including the Summit Avenue Bridge Reconstruction, the Garfield Avenue project, and the rezoning of the houses located on Roosevelt Avenue. In meetings with legislators, Student Senate and IGA shall emphasize the imperative nature of these projects, including the infrastructure beneath Garfield Avenue, structural integrity of the Summit Avenue Bridge, and rezoning of Roosevelt Avenue homes, within the university’s Master Plan.

**Partners:** Assistant Chancellor Mike Rindo, Master Planning Committee

**Audience:** State Building Commission, UW-Eau Claire State Representatives, UW-Eau Claire Student Body, Eau Claire City Council, Eau Claire County Board