UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 17
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is dedicated to the protection, service, and well-being of their students; and
WHEREAS, interpersonal violence is an important concern nationally and on college campuses that must be adequately addressed under Wisconsin State Statutes governing university conduct; and
WHEREAS, University of Wisconsin System Chapter 17 is inconsistent with new Federal regulations; and
WHEREAS, new Federal requirements balance the due process rights of appeal for both the complainant and respondent; and
WHEREAS, the new requirements also utilize a “preponderance” as opposed to “clear and convincing” evidence; and
WHEREAS, sexual harassment, dating violence, and domestic violence are not currently addressed under University of Wisconsin System Chapter 17; and
WHEREAS, the proposed changes to University of Wisconsin
System Chapter 17 will more closely align to the new Federal requirements under the Violence Against Women Act and the Dear Colleague Letter; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to University of Wisconsin System Chapter 17 can be found in Attachment "A;" and

WHEREAS, the Student Senate has heard a presentation regarding the impact of the revised language;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire supports the changes to University of Wisconsin system Chapter 17 in order to align with new Federal policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate encourages the University of Wisconsin System to implement these changes as swiftly as possible; 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; and Ray Cross, President, University of Wisconsin System.

SUBMITTED BY
Samuel Fish, Student Body President
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