UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED UW SYSTEM PUBLIC AUTHORITY MODEL

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2015, Governor Scott Walker proposed
his 2015-2017 budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget includes a $300 million cut to
the UW System; and

WHEREAS, the $300 million cut will put the academic quality
of the UW-Eau Claire and its sister institutions at risk; and

WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate is working to reduce
the size and impact of the proposed cut; and

WHEREAS, a cut is probable and even a reduced cut will greatly
impact UW-Eau Claire; and

WHEREAS, institutional reorganization will be a necessity to
secure the academic quality of UW-Eau Claire and its sister
institutions throughout this time of financial changes; and

WHEREAS, autonomy and freedom from some state regulation
would allow the UW System to make changes over time to remain
competitive in a global marketplace with fewer resources; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget includes a UW System Authority
Model; and
WHEREAS, the proposed UW system Public Authority Model will provide the autonomy and freedom from state legislation needed to secure the academic quality of UW-Eau Claire and the entire UW System;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate supports the Proposed UW System Public Authority Model; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate will continue to work with legislators and university administrators through reasoned and productive discourse to ensure the inclusion of the UW system Public Authority Model in the 2015-2017 budget; 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 for Facilities and University Relations; Ray Cross, UW System President; Senator Kathleen Vinehout; Senator Terry Moulton; Senator Alberta Darling; Senator John Nygren; Senator Luther Olson; Senator Sheila Harsdorf; Senator Mary Lazich; Senator Jennifer Shilling; Senator Richard Gudex; Senator Scott Fitzgerald; Senator Tiffany; Senator Vukmir; Senator Marklein; Senator L. Taylor; Senator Erpenbach; Representative Loudenbeck; Representative Knudson; Representative Schraa; Representative
Czaja; Representative C. Taylor; Representative Hintz,
Representative Dale Kooyenga; Representative Warren Petryk;
Representative Dana Wachs; Speaker Robin Vos; and Governor Scott Walker.

SUBMITTED BY
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