WHEREAS, students of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire consistently give high ratings of satisfaction for campus meal plans; and

WHEREAS, the Sodexo contract period comes to a close in fiscal year 2016; and

WHEREAS, ordinarily the contract would be up for bid; and

WHEREAS, the University has an opportunity to renew the contract with some provisions; and

WHEREAS, this would save significant administrative time going through the bid process; and

WHEREAS, extending the contract would result in more predictability in meal plan costs in that it ties meal plan increases to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for food away from home; and

WHEREAS, a provision of the extension would allow for student organizations and others to bring less that $200 of food purchased on their own to campus buildings; and

WHEREAS, Sodexo would give a capital contribution to the
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to assist in the analysis and renovation of University facilities; and

WHEREAS, Sodexo would more thoughtfully recruit and market to students regarding how part-time, entry level positions with the company can turn into full-time, long term employment in their area of study;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate supports extending the current Sodexo contract for up to five years; 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 Charles Farrell, Director, University Centers.

SUBMITTED BY
Christian Paese, Director of Finance Commission, Information Technology Commission and Off-Campus Senator
April 20, 2015