WHEREAS, Since 1999 the West Central Wisconsin Rail Coalition has led the effort in the area in order to establish a passenger rail service through West Central Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the organization is to provide, “leadership and coordination to develop passenger rail service through West Central Wisconsin as a part of a regional strategy to ensure a balanced transportation system necessary for long-term economic growth; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the City of Eau Claire passed a resolution in support of passenger rail; and

WHEREAS, Included in the list of supporters of the West Central Wisconsin Rail Coalition is: University of Wisconsin-River Falls, University of Wisconsin-Stout, and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and

WHEREAS, Several members of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley Technical College student bodies are involved in the efforts put forth by the West Central Wisconsin Rail Coalition; and

WHEREAS, the completion of this project would result in unique opportunities and provide responsible transportation for students at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate supports the efforts of the West Central Wisconsin Rail Coalition to establish a passenger rail service through West Central Wisconsin.

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; and Kristen Hendrickson, Executive Director, ASK Center.

SUBMITTED BY
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