UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

In Continued Support of Allowing Mobile Technologies to be used as Alternative Classroom Polling

Whereas, the Information Technology Commission (ITC) is charged with serving as a liaison between administration, University Senate and Student Senate on all pertinent technology subjects on the UW-Eau Claire campus; and

Whereas, it is important that ITC aligns itself with the strategic long-term goals of the University; and

Whereas, ITC has served as a catalyst for multiple high impact technology implementations on campus; and

Whereas, the concept of using a mobile device for classroom polling falls in line with the concept of a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) culture; and

Whereas, a REEF polling pilot program of 1400 students was completed during the fall of 2015; and

Whereas, there have been continued pilot usages of the same REEF polling system in classrooms on campus; and

Whereas, follow-up surveys have been distributed and over 90% of students agreed that using a mobile polling technology in the classroom helped them learn; and

Whereas, in 2015 the ITC distributed a campus wide technology survey, receiving over 550 responses; and

Whereas, 96% of students stated that they owned a smart phone or other mobile computing device, which is an increase from 91% in 2014; and

Whereas, Senate Technology Committee recommends a single standard polling system that incorporates mobile devices and physical devices; and

Whereas, the cost to students to use polling in classrooms has the potential to be substantially reduced compared to current practice; and

Whereas, Learning and Technology Services (LTS) will support technology related issues faced by students and faculty using the software; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire vetoed a bill to allow students to use a mobile device for any polling done in classrooms; and
Whereas, the students of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, in accordance with shared governance policies, have continued to voice their desire to allow for mobile technologies to be used for all classroom polling activities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Student Senate continues to support the movement for the implementation of a standard polling system on campus that allows the usage of mobile devices for classroom polling; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage of this resolution, President Sukhu will transmit a copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Joseph Abhold, Dean of Students; Mitch Freymiller, Chair, Craig Mey, LTS; Kent Gerberich, LTS; Jean Pratt, Academic Policy Committee; Mitch Freymiller, Chair of University Senate; Matt Evans; Angie Stombaugh, Senate Technology Committee.

SUBMITTED BY
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