WHEREAS, a political campaign event occurred at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire campus on November 1\textsuperscript{st} 2016; and

WHEREAS, the event brought over 3,000 visitors to campus; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor acknowledged, “the event was disruptive to campus operations and caused some of our students, faculty, and staff to become concerned about their physical safety”; and

WHEREAS, visitors overloaded street and campus parking capacity causing many students to miss class; and

WHEREAS, accessibility to academic buildings was limited because of the crowds; and

WHEREAS, some students received an academic penalty by missing class; and

WHEREAS, Part III: Article Six: Section B of the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures outlines \textit{Class Attendance and Authorized Absence Policies}; and

WHEREAS, the policy states that “…it is recognized that absences are at times unavoidable. If an absence is necessary, the student should take responsibility for contacting her/his instructor(s) as soon as possible to discuss the ramifications of being away from class”; and

WHEREAS, it is up to the discretion of the instructor to accept requests for absences that do not fall into one of the six categories outlined in the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules; and
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that no University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire student shall be subjected to an academic penalty related to the Tuesday November 1st 2016 absence; and

Be IT FURTHER RESOLVED that under future similar circumstances, students will be notified via email in an orderly and timely manner of any event that could alter their commute or attendance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the absence shall not count against a student’s total number of acceptable unexcused absences in a given course; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Sukhu transmit a copy of this bill 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; Kristen Hendrickson, Budget and Resource Planning; and all faculty and staff.

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