WHEREAS, the Women and Gender Equity (WAGE) Center was established in 2005 as a result of surveys and focus groups that determined there was a need for an office to coordinate programming related to women’s issues that occur across campus; and

WHEREAS, the WAGE Center has become a resource to students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, the WAGE Center is a safe space for individuals with special interests related to gender equity; and

WHEREAS, the WAGE Center serves as a liaison with many community resources including (but not limited to) those related to gender equity; and

WHEREAS, the WAGE Center has provided a variety of programming
related to issues of gender and sexual identity as well as any other issues prevalent at UWEC; and

WHEREAS, the WAGE Center has actively built two effective classroom presentations: “Gendered Language” and “Gender, Language, and Communication;” and

WHEREAS, the WAGE Center provides a plethora of services that benefit the campus culture; and

WHEREAS, the WAGE Center helps maintain and foster diversity throughout UWEC’s campus; and

WHEREAS, the WAGE Center was previously funded through Differential Tuition under Innovative Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Innovative Projects category of Differential Tuition has a three year period of funding maximum; and

WHEREAS, the advisors neglected to search for alternative funding sources for after their three year period was complete; and

WHEREAS, the WAGE Center is too valuable a resource on UWEC’s campus to let close; and

WHEREAS, the previous hard work of students, faculty, and community members should not be lost because of a lack of planning; and

WHEREAS, without a student contribution to the WAGE Center it would close; and

WHEREAS, there has been dialogue between Student Senate members for
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Student Senate supports the campus of UWEC by allowing for the WAGE Center to have another year to find an alternative funding source; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WAGE Center investigate to find out the percentage between students and faculty attending their events; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WAGE Center aggressively searches numerous possibilities for alternative funding sources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WAGE Center becomes a facet of the Student Senate budget falling under the Student Life and Diversity Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Senate match the Provost’s $15,000 contribution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the $15,000 contribution comes from the Student Senate’s carryover balance of the University Segregated Fees that it collects every year; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President French transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Steve Tallant, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Andrew Soll, Vice Chancellor, Business & Student
Services; Dave Gessner, Director, Business Services; Lisa Cooper-Murphy, Coordinator, WAGE Center; Dr. Kimberly Barrett, Vice President for Student Affairs, University of Montevallo; Ann Lapp, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Development & Diversity; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Student Development, Student Development & Diversity.