WHEREAS, the Student Life and Diversity Commission works with LGBT, Environmental, Multicultural, Gender and Non-Traditional Student issues at UW-Eau Claire; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the commission is to promote diversity on campus, to ensure that the issues and concerns of students are addressed, as well as promoting a more diverse campus; and

WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire has the opportunity to bring Ms. Minnijean Brown-Trickey, one of the nine students who was integrated into Little Rock Central High School in 1957, to speak on campus; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown-Trickey faced adversity and took steps that changed educational opportunities for African Americans in this country; and

WHEREAS, bringing this speaker to campus would allow the university and
the community to gain better insight into the challenges and accomplishments of the civil rights movement from the viewpoint of someone who experienced this first hand, as well as discuss the effects that these events have on contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, the total cost to bring in this speaker is $8,000; and

WHEREAS, the commission has been working hard at receiving donations and has been able to secure $5,000; and

WHEREAS, currently the Women’s Studies Department has donated $100, the History Department has donated $100, the College of Arts and Sciences has donated $500, the College of Education and Human Sciences has donated $500, UAC Special Events has donated $500, Housing and Residence Life has donated $800, the Visiting Minority Scholars Program has donated $2,000, and Student Affairs has donated $500; and

WHEREAS, the Student Life and Diversity Commission requested $3,000 to bring in Minnijean Brown-Trickey; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Commission voted 10-0-2 in support of allocating $3,000 to the Student Life and Diversity Commission;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Student Senate allocates $3,000 to the Student Life and Diversity Commission; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Lauer transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Marty Wood, Interim Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. V. Thomas Dock, Acting Vice Chancellor, Administration, Facilities & Finance; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dave Gessner, Director, Business Services; Emily Mattheisen, Student
Life & Diversity Commission Director; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office.