WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire Trombone Ensemble is primarily a pedagogical outlet for the private trombone studio at the University, but is also an active performing ensemble; and

WHEREAS, the Trombone Ensemble performs regularly on campus and on recruiting tours throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Trombone Ensemble has performed at Wisconsin and Minnesota State Music Conferences, 2004 International Festival, and in 2007 for the Minnesota Twins; and

WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire hosts the Upper Midwest Trombone Summit that features prominent national guest artists and trombone ensembles from the University of Minnesota and Lawrence University; and

WHEREAS, Eastern Trombone Workshop (ETW) has become one of the
largest annual events for trombone in the world; and

WHEREAS, the workshop’s mission is to give student performers, and educators an opportunity to meet and share ideas, talents and opinions about the world of trombone; and

WHEREAS, the ETW is the only professionally organized and staffed trombone workshop or conference in the United States; and

WHEREAS, soloists, educators, and students, as well as university and college trombone ensembles from around the world, attend the workshop annually; and

WHEREAS, there is no application process for the ETW; and

WHEREAS, the ETW has invited five premier ensembles from around the nation; and

WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire Trombone Ensemble has been chosen to perform March 13, 2009; and

WHEREAS, this is a great opportunity for the twenty Blugold students and to promote the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire name; and

WHEREAS, the ensemble is asking for $2,500 for hotel rooms for the student members; and

WHEREAS, the conference is in Washington, D.C., but the ensemble is conserving costs by staying in Ft. Meyer, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, to save costs the ensemble will travel on two 15 passenger vans; and

WHEREAS, the total amount for the trip is over $6,000, but the Trombone Ensemble has been able to secure funding from other sources; and
WHEREAS, this event will not be able to take place without help from the Student Senate; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Commission voted 11-0-1 in support of allocating $2,500 to the UW-Eau Claire Trombone Ensemble;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Student Senate allocates $2,500 to the UW-Eau Claire Trombone Ensemble; 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; Dr. Phil Ostrander, Associate Professor, Music and Theatre Arts Department; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office.