IN RECOGNITION OF RAYMOND JAMES FRENCH’S SERVICE
TO THE STUDENT BODY

WHEREAS, Raymond French has served as our Student Body President for the 51st Session of Student Senate; and

WHEREAS, Raymond has served as Chief of Staff/Treasurer and Academic Affairs Director during the 50th Session and as Finance Director during the 49th Session; and

WHEREAS, Raymond is a wonderful role model for all students; and

WHEREAS, Raymond has done an amazing job of rebuilding Student Senate; and

WHEREAS, Raymond thinks about all issues and does not feel about anything; and

WHEREAS, Raymond will fight to the death to prove that ultimately, Star Trek rules the extraterrestrial world and Star Wars doesn’t have a fighting chance; and

WHEREAS, Raymond can be caught watching Star Trek on Colleen’s computer late into the night; and

WHEREAS, Raymond will always strive to be the ultimate Spock; and
WHEREAS, after former members of Senate created a “Who’s Who” of Star Wars characters, Raymond made them create one for Star Trek and demanded to be Spock; and

WHEREAS, Raymond is constantly frustrated by the overall lack of Back to the Future knowledge within Senate; and

WHEREAS, random notes of classical music can be heard drifting underneath the door of Raymond’s office; and

WHEREAS, all who know him also know that Raymond’s first love will always be the Singing Statesmen; and

WHEREAS, Senate cannot compete with the Statesmen homecoming candidate no matter what position Raymond has held on Senate, be it President, Director, or Chief of Staff; and

WHEREAS, Raymond proved his dedication to Senate by attending a Board of Regents meeting and then trudging half a mile through a downpour in between freeways to meet the Statesmen bus going to Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, Raymond loves hugs and is infamous for saying “Awww, come here!;” and

WHEREAS, Raymond LOVES diversity… Wait huh?; and

WHEREAS, “Weeell…;” and

WHEREAS, Raymond is the ultimate “Papa Bear” of the student body; and

WHEREAS, Raymond occasionally breaks out the classic dad stretch during Senate meetings; and
WHEREAS, Raymond’s telephone often rings and everyone knows who he’s talking to when we hear the “Hi Honey!;” and
WHEREAS, Raymond has a fetish with vintage Student Senate campaign paraphernalia; and
WHEREAS, Raymond hates couches; and
WHEREAS, Raymond has been packing his own lunch since the first grade; and
WHEREAS, Raymond will take his Ford Focus into a snowstorm to pick up a stranded Senator; and
WHEREAS, Raymond will always hate the Packers and Brett Favre and love the Bears; and
WHEREAS, Raymond’s favorite impersonation is of Nomi throwing the dollar in the air during budget season; and
WHEREAS, Raymond, although not an “official” officer of the Statesmen, attends their weekly meetings and his opinion is valued more than the current officers; and
WHEREAS, day trips to Madison will not be the same without Raymond’s Singing Statesmen CD Collection; and
WHEREAS, Raymond likes to limit student organizations by amending that the Finance Bylaws only allow student organizations $200; and
WHEREAS, Raymond wanted to have more control than the Chris’ so he got himself appointed as Chief of Staff/Treasurer and Academic Affairs; and
WHEREAS, Raymond proves his hatred of diversity by only inviting the male senators to his home during Super Bowl season; and

WHEREAS, Raymond’s beautiful fiancé, Sarah, is always seen waiting diligently in the Senate office after four-hour long Senate meetings; and

WHEREAS, Raymond could not buy the 49th Session’s shirt for his Mom because it had comments of underage drinking and his Mom could not wear that to school; and

WHEREAS, Raymond is the ultimate optimist and the word “Fantastic” will live in infamy, among phrases such as “I hate to be that guy” and “This is why we were chosen to represent the student body;” and

WHEREAS, whenever Raymond talks about his fiancé, Sarah, you can tell that he is head over heels in love; and

WHEREAS, it is not uncommon for Raymond to get fewer than five hours of sleep a night because of all the time he dedicates to the student body; and

WHEREAS, because Raymond did not want to be known as “that guy on crutches,” he decided to be known as “that guy on crutches wearing a cowboy hat and pajama pants” for an entire semester; and
WHEREAS, Raymond is the only member of Senate to earn his own Facebook group, which compares him to the likes of Chuck Norris; and

WHEREAS, Raymond is master of psychology and knows that people will think he is working if he only leaves his light on; and

WHEREAS, Raymond will subdue his conscience to create “Student Senate” events so that he can entertain his friends with a projector and his 30-foot ceilings; and

WHEREAS, Raymond has always been a great friend and mentor to all those in Student Senate; and

WHEREAS, Raymond’s hard work and dedication to the students of UWEC will not be forgotten and is much appreciated; and

WHEREAS, Raymond will be dearly missed by all of Student Senate; and

WHEREAS, Raymond will always be remembered as a truly great Student Body President;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate officially commends Raymond French for his outstanding year of leadership, service and dedication to the student body; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage a copy of this resolution be placed in Raymond James French’s permanent education file.
SUBMITTED BY:
Meghan Charlier, Student Body Vice President
Timothy Lauer, Treasurer/Chief of Staff and Student Body President-Elect
Amber Bretl, United Council Delegation Leader
Katya Voelker, Student Services Commission Director and Off-Campus Senator
Daven Raj, On-Campus Senator
Thomas Holtan, Finance Commission Director and Off-Campus Senator
Ace Cooan, Off-Campus Senator
Nick Goffard, Organizations Commission Director and On-Campus Senator
Emily Mattheisen, Student Life & Diversity Commission Director and Off-Campus Senator
Samantha Lee, Off-Campus Senator
Aaron Wingad, Academic Affairs Commission Director and Off-Campus Senator
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