WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate serves all students at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and

WHEREAS, it is important for students around the UW System to come together for a unified student voice to make concrete victories for students in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, United Council of UW Students, Inc. is a statewide student association whose mission is “To represent all students of the University of Wisconsin System and advocate for them on issues of higher education pertaining to value, quality, and the student experience”; and

WHEREAS, United Council of UW Students is one of the oldest, largest,
and most effective statewide student associations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate Governing Documents, there shall be an annual referendum to renew membership in United council of UW Students; and

WHEREAS, the last special election was held in the spring of 2008; and

WHEREAS, special elections are a necessary and important form of student voice that needs to be heard on this issue;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate authorizes for a special election to address our membership within United Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special election will include a referendum in which the question will be in accordance with UW Board of Regents Policy 30-4; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the referendum question will be as follows:

“The students at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire agree to support United council with the understanding that a mandatory refundable fee of $2.00 per semester and $2.00 per summer session would be paid. The mandatory refundable fee amount plus postage is refundable upon written request to the United Council postmarked within 45 days of the first day of class. If this referendum passes, it will come up for reconsideration at least every two years. The fee may be adjusted between referenda by the Board of Regents”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the referendum will have two possible answers:

Yes ________
No ________

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Student Senate will conduct a referendum on United Council membership November 19-20, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the referendum will be administered through the online Qualtrics survey style voting system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the referendum will be filtered through University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate’s project coordinator to be stripped of all voter identification; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Senate at UW-Eau Claire fully supports and encourages continued membership in United Council of UW Students and the delegation leader will actively participate in volunteer recruitment and campaigning the student body to vote YES on the referendum; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Umhoefer transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; Michael Moscicke, Government Relations Director, United Council; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office.