WHEREAS, there is a lack of clarity with the election Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, Attachment “A” signifies the changes made to the Bylaws to address situations which arose in the last general elections; and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities of Secretary and Webmaster have significant overlap; and

WHEREAS, Attachment “B” signifies the changes made to the Bylaws to merge the two positions with the intention of removing repeated duties; and

WHEREAS, merging these two positions would also merge the two stipends for the newly combined “Secretary & Webmaster position”; and

WHEREAS, United Council has restructured their organization; and

WHEREAS, United Council Delegation Leader title is now outdated because
WHEREAS, Attachment “C” signifies the changes made to the Bylaws to update the position description and name of the position; and

WHEREAS, Attachment “D” signifies the changes made to the Bylaws formatting to meet state statute standards; and

WHEREAS, Attachment “D” changes only the formatting and citation of the Bylaws; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate adopt the changes made to the Bylaws regarding Attachments A, B, C, and D; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Senate implement the changes of the numbering system from Attachment “D” to the full Student Senate Bylaws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Senate implement the changes from Attachment “A” and “C” immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Senate implement the changes from Attachment “B” and “D” at the beginning of the 54th Session; 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; Dave Gessner, Assistant Chancellor, Budget and Finance; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office.
ARTICLE 4: DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS
Section 6: Elections and Campaign Procedures
Subsection E: Campaigning
a) Campaigning will be defined as any activity, either written or spoken, that is designed to influence students to vote for a prospective or official candidate or a referendum question on the ballot.
e) If paper ballots are used, during the days of voting, no campaign materials or campaigning of any kind shall be allowed within a 50-foot radius of a polling place.

Subsection F: Promotional Materials
j) Posters:
1) Candidates may begin to display posters immediately following the return of the completed petition.
2) All posters put up in the residence halls must have the Hall Director's approval, excluding those posted on personal property (doors).
3) It is illegal to put posters up in the stairwells of campus buildings. They can be taken down by anyone if they are discovered.
4) There shall be NO posters/signs taped to the sidewalk.
5) The candidate must remove the posters by the Monday following the completion of the election; otherwise, the candidate will be monetarily charged for their removal.
k) Web Presence:
1) The creation of personal Web sites and Web presences is permitted.
2) In addition, if the Student Senate Web site or Web presences are used to promote the general election and basic information on all the candidates, equal access and equal opportunity must be available to all of the candidates.
3) Linking to other Web sites from the Student Senate Web site or Web presences is allowable as long as the candidate(s) do not use the University seal, Student Senate logo or any other copyrighted materials without explicit permission.
p) Table Tents:
1) The program assistant of Student Senate will reserve one table tent for the days of the election and up to 3 days before the election begins. No Senate candidate can reserve their own table tent(s) for campaigning. Each Presidential ticket will be given the same amount of space on the Senate table tent. Each Presidential ticket will submit their content to the program assistant 3 days before the table tents will be put up.
  b) Bulletin Board Space in Davies Center:
    1) An equal portion of bulletin board space in Davies Center per executive ticket will be provided for the placement of whatever promotional materials the candidates choose to display that are deemed legal by the election rules.
    2) This will be overseen by the Elections Committee.

Subsection G: Room Usage
Rooms may not be reserved in Davies Center in Student Senate’s name, by individual candidates, or by Presidential tickets for campaign use.

Subsection J: Voting
h) If paper ballots are used, voting booths are available for use in the elections. At least two people must work the polls (preferably four people). No candidate may be a poll worker. The voting student must show the poll worker his/her valid Blugold I.D. The poll worker will then scan his/her I.D. and give them a certified ballot. The voting student’s username must be highlighted on the master list once his/her I.D. has been verified. The voting student may use a valid government-issued photo identification if a Blugold I.D. is not available. The student must be verified by the master list, and then highlighted with a color specifically assigned to those without a Blugold I.D. The poll worker must immediately contact any other polling location to inform them which student used a valid government-issued photo identification so they can also highlight the name on their master list. The student then takes the stamped ballot to the voting booth. If the student requires instructions, the poll worker will explain the procedure to the student. After voting, the student deposits the ballot in the ballot box.
ARTICLE 6: EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OFFICERS;

Section 1: Executive Board

B. Membership

a) The president shall chair the Executive Board unless he/she designates in writing another board member as chair.

b) Membership of the board shall consist of the president, vice president, treasurer, secretary/webmaster, parliamentarian, webmaster, United Council Delegation leader and commission directors

Section 2: Appointments

A. Appointment of the Board of Directors

a) The President will appoint the Board of Directors by the third week after a change in session by including the appointees on the appointments list, which is subject to Senate confirmation.

b) Any appointment of a member of the Board of Directors shall require a confirmation hearing by the Student Senate. Each appointee shall be given no more than five minutes to explain their merits for appointment and plans for the position. After this, a minimum of five minutes shall be given for questions from members of Student Senate to be answered by the appointee. Once questioning is finished, there will be an up or down vote on the appointee requiring a simple majority. If approved, there will be no objections permitted on the appointment. If rejected, the appointee is removed from the consideration.

Section 5: Offices and Responsibilities

A. Secretary/Webmaster

a) A secretary/webmaster shall be appointed by the president subject to Senate confirmation.

b) The secretary/webmaster of the Senate shall keep the minutes of Senate meetings and be responsible for the distribution of minutes, bills, resolutions, and reports to all senators and officers and such other related duties as the president, vice-president and chief of staff may direct.

c) The secretary/webmaster and the Senate shall maintain and update weekly the Student Senate Web site. He/she will report to and serve as a resource to the Executive Board. His/her weekly obligations are to attend the weekly Executive Board meeting and give a report.

d) The secretary/webmaster will report directly to the President and Vice President and work closely with the Commission Directors. The secretary/webmaster will consult the Public Relations Commission, Information Technology Commission and Learning and Technology Services to ensure a Web site of high quality.

C. Webmaster

a) A Webmaster shall be appointed by the President subject to Senate confirmation.

b) The Webmaster and the Senate shall maintain and update weekly the Student Senate website. He/she will report to and serve as a resource to the Executive Board. His/her weekly obligations are to attend the weekly Executive Board meeting and give a report.

c) The Student Senate Webmaster will report directly to the President and Vice President and work closely with the Public Relations Commission Director and the Information Technology Commission Director to ensure a website of high quality.

Section 6: Stipends

A. The President shall receive a stipend on $5,000 per Senate term. It shall be paid equally over 26 weeks.

B. All stipends for other officers shall be a percentage of the President’s stipend. They shall be paid equally over 19 weeks.

a) The Vice-President shall receive an amount equal to 75% of the President’s stipend ($3,750)
b) The Treasurer shall receive an amount equal to 50% of the President’s stipend ($2,500)

c) The Secretary/Webmaster shall receive an amount equal to 40% of the President’s stipend ($1,000)

d) Directors shall receive an amount equal to 50% of the President’s stipend ($2,500)

e) The Parliamentarian shall receive an amount equal to 25% of the President’s stipend ($1,250)

f) The Webmaster shall receive an amount equal to 20% of the President’s stipend ($1,000).
ARTICLE 4: DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS
Section 1: Elections Committee

E. The definition of “Involvement in a referendum” shall include, but not be limited to, being an author in the writing of the bill placing the referendum on the ballot, creating or assisting in the creation or the distribution of referendum literature either for or against, and actively campaigning for or against a referendum.

a. In election years with a United Council referendum, Campus Chapter members cannot serve on the Elections Committee in any position.

ARTICLE 5: SENATORS
Section 2: Removals

D. Removal by the President

a) The President may remove any appointed Director or Executive or Delegation Leader during a session by including the removal, reasoning, and vacancy in his or her report.

ARTICLE 6: EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OFFICERS
Section 1: Executive Board

B. Membership

b) Membership of the board shall consist of the president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, parliamentarian, webmaster, United Council Delegation leader and commission directors

Section 2: Appointments

C. Appointment of the Director of United Council Delegation Leader and Delegates

a) The President shall appoint the Director of United Council Delegation Leader, in the years in which the student body chooses to be a part of the organization, by including the appointees on the appointments list, which is subject to Senate confirmation.

b) The President shall appoint the United Council Campus Chapter members, in the years in which the student body chooses to be a part of the organization, with the recommendation of the Director of United Council Delegation Leader, by including the appointees on the appointments list, which is subject to Senate confirmation.

Section 4: Attendance

A. All officers and directors of the Senate will be required to attend the general Senate meetings from Roll Call through Special Reports. Officers that are senators will be required to stay through adjournment.

Section 5: Offices and Responsibilities

A.D. Directors

a) One director each for Academic Affairs, Finance, Information Technology, Intergovernmental Affairs, Organizations, Public Relations, Student Life and Diversity, Student Services, United Council and UAC Programming (under the UAC Programming director, one deputy director each for Communications and Public Relations) shall
be appointed and may be removed or replaced in a manner detailed in Article III, Section 1. Unless provided in these bylaws, no other director shall have a deputy.

ARTICLE 7: SENATE SESSIONS AND MEETINGS
Section 3: Debate and Motion Privileges
A. The Senate extends the privileges of debating and introducing motions on the Senate floor, but not voting, to the treasurer, secretary, parliamentarian, webmaster, directors, deputy-directors, United Council Delegation leader, and chairpersons.

ARTICLE 8: LEGISLATION
Section 1: Authoring
The Student Senate extends the privilege of authoring legislation to the president, vice-president, directors, deputy-directors, chairpersons, senators, treasurer, webmaster, parliamentarian and secretary and United Council Delegation Leader.

ARTICLE 9: COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS
Section 4: Standing Commissions
D. Intergovernmental Affairs:
   c) Include the Director of United Council Delegation Leader within its membership. The United Council Campus Chapter members/Delegates are highly encouraged to become Commission members, as effective communication is necessary if the Campus Chapter Delegation is to properly represent the student body. In return, the Campus Chapter Delegation members should openly communicate have learned to the Commission.

F. Organizations:
   e) Include the Director of United Council Delegate Leader within its membership. The Campus Chapter members/United Council Delegates are encouraged to become Commission members, as effective communication is necessary if the Campus Chapter Delegation is to properly represent the student body.

United Council:
During those years the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is a member of the United Council of Wisconsin students, the Delegation Leader/Director of United Council shall: forward a list of delegates to be appointed to the United Council Delegation onto the President. Whenever possible, those delegates shall be appointed as delegates to a specific committee on United Council at the time of their appointment to the delegation.
   a) Duties of the United Council Delegation Leader:
      a) Make all logistical arrangements for the delegation in preparation for United Council functions and events.
b) To run in the UC Board of Directors election during the May Convention. If elected, the Director of United Council will serve as a Board Member from the Comprehensive Caucus at all UC Board Meetings. To act as the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire representative at all United Council Board of Directors meetings, to provide an appropriate proxy to attend such meetings or to appoint another delegate to act as the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire representative to the United Council Board of Directors.

c) To chair the UC Campus Chapter at UWEC, working closely with the UC Field Director on selected statewide campaigns, seek out and retain students to serve on the United Council Delegation.

d) To make a weekly report to both the Student Senate and the Executive Board under agenda item VIII, letter J.

e) The United Council Director Delegation Leader shall be considered in all pertinent matters as a Director of the Student Senate and shall bear those responsibilities and obligations.

f) Duties pertaining to the Campus Chapter Chair shall be:

1. To seek out and retain a consistent delegation of students to attend UC Conventions and Events. This delegation should consist of members of the Student Senate as well as other leaders across campus.

2. To organize and manage a campus wide recruitment drive for the annual Building Unity Student Empowerment Conference.

3. Organize and manage UC campaigns in conjunction with the UC Field Director instruction. Campaigns shall include:
   i. Referendum campaigns that occur on campus.
   ii. Campaigns that involve the state biennial budget, as well as voter registration drives.
   iii. Any campaigns requested by the student body that align with United Council and Student Senate’s policy platform and organizational mission.

b) Duties pertaining to the members of the Campus Chapter shall be:

1. To attend on-campus UC meetings, Conventions and United Council events.

2. To serve as the grassroots coordinators for the United Council campaigns previously mentioned, and others the Director deem appropriate and necessary.

3. To remain in contact with the Director of United Council.

c) United Council Referenda: The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire shall, in conjunction with the regular election, run a referendum every other year, in order to renew membership in United Council. In accordance with the University of Wisconsin System Regent Policy Document 30-4, the question shall be limited to the following language:

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b) Duties to the United Council Delegates:
1) To attend United Council delegation meetings, general assemblies and United Council events.
2) To serve as the grass roots coordinators for those United Council campaigns the Delegation Leader deems appropriate and necessary.
3) To remain in contact with the United Council Delegation Leader.

cia) United Council Referenda: The University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire shall, in conjunction with the regular election, run a yearly referendum in order to renew membership in United Council. In accordance with University of Wisconsin System Regent Policy Document 30-4, the question shall be limited to the following language:

The students at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire agree to support United Council with a mandatory refundable fee of ______ per _________ and _________ per summer session. The amount plus postage is refundable upon written request to the United Council Executive Director 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.
STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1: PRIMARY CONTROL
Primary control of the Student Senate rests with University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire students. The Senate, in conformance with the Student Body Constitution, shall be the judge of the qualifications and standards of professional behavior of its members and officers.

ARTICLE 2: ADVISOR
The advisor of the Student Senate shall be the Dean of Students or his/her designated representative. The advisor shall, upon request, advise the Senate on student activities and shall confer with the officers as necessary. If he/she does not wish to fulfill this position, or the Dean of Students position is vacant, the Student Senate can resolve to have another person fill this position.

ARTICLE 3: OBSERVANCE OF RULES
Section 3.01: University Rules and Regulations
The Senate and its officers shall properly observe the rules and regulations established by the University.

Section 3.02: Open Meeting Law
The Senate, commissions, committees and all subgroups thereof shall comply with the provisions of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

ARTICLE 4: DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS
Section 4.01: Elections Committee
(4.01.1) A three-person Elections Committee shall be established by the end of the first meeting of the Spring Semester or 30 days prior to a referendum.

(4.01.1a) The Student Senate advisor shall be a non-voting member of the elections committee. He or she shall serve primarily in an advising role.

(4.01.2) The Parliamentarian will chair the committee unless that individual is running for office, involved in a referendum on the ballot, or active in a campaign. The Chair of the Elections Committee is responsible for receiving training on how to administer the online election system by a member of Learning and Technology Services no later than sixty days prior to the start of the election.

(4.01.2a) If the Parliamentarian is running for office, involved in a referendum on the ballot, or active in a campaign, the President of the Student Body will chair the committee.

(4.01.2b) If the President should be running for office, involved in a referendum on the ballot, or active in a campaign, the Vice-President will chair the committee.

(4.01.2c) If the Vice-President should be running for office, involved in a referendum on the ballot, or active in a campaign, the Treasurer will chair the committee.

(4.01.2d) If the Treasurer is running for office, involved in a referendum on the ballot, or active in a campaign, the position for chair of the Elections Committee will be filled by an election in Executive Board of those who are not running for office, involved in a referendum on the ballot, or active in a campaign.

(4.01.2e) If in the case that none of the before mentioned persons are eligible or available to serve, the Senate will appoint an appropriate member who is not running for office, involved in a referendum on the ballot, or active in a campaign.
(4.01.3) The second member of the Executive Board will be voted on by the Executive Board to serve on the committee.

(4.01.4) The final member of the committee will be a Senator-at-Large elected by the full Student Senate.

(4.01.5) The definition of “Involvement in a referendum” shall include, but not be limited to, being an author in the writing of the bill placing the referendum on the ballot, creating or assisting in the creation or the distribution of referendum literature either for or against, and actively campaigning for or against a referendum.

(4.01.5a) In election years with a United Council referendum, delegation members cannot serve on the Elections Committee in any position.

(4.01.5b) Representatives from United Council must be aware and follow all applicable election laws.

(4.01.5c) All promotional materials created for a referendum must follow applicable election laws and university policies.

(4.01.6) The definition of “active in a campaign” shall include, but not be limited to, attending campaign meetings, creating or assisting in the creation or the distribution of campaign materials, or actively campaigning for or against a candidate or candidates.

(4.01.7) The Elections Committee shall be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the elections process: including, but not limited to, setting up the polls and finding poll workers, investigating any grievances and making Reports and Recommendations regarding those grievances, and counting and verification of ballots. The committee will also be responsible with supervising the production of non-partisan advertisements including the location and dates of the elections.

Section 4.02: President and Vice President
Students shall elect a student body president and vice president by nonpartisan ticket. Candidates for an executive ticket shall be placed distinctly together on the ballot by ticket. The presidential and vice presidential candidates on the ticket receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected. No individual candidate for president or vice president shall be placed on the ballot or elected. Executive tickets on the ballot shall be placed in successive order determined by random drawing. For persons elected to both an executive and senator position, the Senate position shall become vacant upon that person taking office as an executive.

Section 4.03: Student Senators
Student Senators shall be elected by the student body in a nonpartisan manner by a plurality vote. Candidates for each community shall be placed on the ballot in successive order determined by random drawing.

Section 4.04: Absentee Voting
When online voting is not utilized, all students wishing to vote in campus elections while participating in an off-campus program such as, but not limited to, Study Abroad or National Student Exchange, or students who cannot be on campus during an entire election period for reasons covered by university policy, may vote while following these guidelines.

(4.04.1) The Public Relations Commission will advertise the availability of absentee voting to students