UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN OPPOSITION TO SB6 IN ITS CURRENT FORM AND IN SUPPORT OF
STUDENT-FRIENDLY CHANGES TO SB6: THE VOTER ID LAW

WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate knows that voting is
a right given to qualified electors by Article III, Section I in
the Wisconsin State Constitution and that voting should be
encouraged and practiced without undue impedance to those
qualified electors who wish to vote; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has a record of being one
of the best states in the country in terms of voter turnout,
with a turnout rate in 2008 of the voting-eligible population
that ranked second in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 6 (SB6), in its current form, would
require all qualified electors to provide a valid, current
license or photo identification issued by a state or military in
order to register and to cast a ballot; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 6 should allow voters with a student
ID as an acceptable form of identification; and
WHEREAS, Senate Bill 6 in its current form would eliminate corroboration, a currently legal registration practice that allows for greater participation in democracy; and

WHEREAS, participation in the democratic process by qualified student electors has increased in the past elections and Senate Bill 6 in its current form would reverse this progress; and

WHEREAS, the issue of student voting is not a partisan one;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the students of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire oppose the passage of Senate Bill 6 in its current form; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that SB6 should be amended to include student ID’s as valid voter identification; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that SB6 be amended to remove the requirement that photo ID be included with absentee ballots; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UW-Eau Claire Student Senate implore Representatives Warren Petryk and Kathy Bernier, as well as State Senators Kathleen Vinehout and Terry Moulton, to oppose Senate Bill 6 in its current form and all other comparable bills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event of Senate Bill 6’s passage in its current form through both the Assembly and Senate, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate requests Governor Scott
Walker veto Senate Bill 6 in its current form or any comparable bill; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Jambrek transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Klein, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; The Spectator; The Leader-Telegram; Representative Warren Petryk; Representative Kathy Bernier; State Senator Kathleen Vinehout; State Senator Terry Moulton; and Governor Scott Walker.

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