WHEREAS, the 44th Session of Student Senate passed a Resolution in opposition to the funding of a club sport that is also a varsity sport of the same gender; and

WHEREAS, the policy outlined in 44-R-29 (Attachment “A”) is currently in effect and is outlined in the Sport Club Handbook; and

WHEREAS, the current policy does not allow for any lower level of organized competition than Varsity if there is no intramural sport program in place; and

WHEREAS, some sports, such as ice hockey, are well represented on the UW-Eau Claire campus with many athletes who either cannot or choose not to participate at the Varsity level; and

WHEREAS, many of these athletes would still like to play their sport competitively but cannot due to a lack of intramural programming for their sport; and
WHEREAS, allowing the formation of a Sport Club for these sports would help alleviate this problem; and

WHEREAS, those athletes who wish to participate in their sport at the club level are often very dedicated; and

WHEREAS, this dedication usually means that they are willing to fundraise as much as possible and not rely too heavily on student fees for financial support; and

WHEREAS, the example of the Hockey Club supports this claim as the club has existed for one year without any funding other than what it has raised on its own; and

WHEREAS, the club has thrived and has proven its ability to support itself much in the same way as Club Sports do; and

WHEREAS, the Hockey Club was used as a case study by both Student Senate and the Recreation Department to explore the possibility of enacting this proposed change in policy; and

WHEREAS, Club Sports are considered student organizations and therefore must follow the same guidelines as all other student organizations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Student Senate support the change in Recreation Policy to allow the formation of a sport club that has a varsity level sport of the same gender so long as no intramural program is in place for that sport; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that so long as a club sport with a Varsity level sport of the same gender is active no intramural program will be active for that sport; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Jambrek transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dave Gessner, Assistant Chancellor, Budget and Finance; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; Vicki Funne Reed, Director, Recreation; Jon Bollinger, Intramural and Sports Club Coordinator; and Andy Jepsen, Sports Facilities and Open Recreation Coordinator.

SUBMITTED BY:
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