UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

STUDENT SENATE

CLASSIFICATION _____ AMENDING THE STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS

NUMBER 55-B-39 DATE April 9, 2012

INTRODUCED BY____ STEPHANIE MABREY, STUDENT SERVICES COMMISSION DIRECTOR AND OFF-CAMPUS SENATOR; LINDA LEE, STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION DIRECTOR AND ON-CAMPUS SENATOR; AND BRIANNA BURKE, ON-CAMPUS SENATOR

1 WHEREAS, the current Bylaws provide no funding sources for non-budgetary commissions (Intergovernmental Affairs, Organizations, Public Relations, Student Life and Diversity, Student Services), except through Special Allocations or requests to the Executive Board of the Student Senate; and

2 WHEREAS, the Special Allocation process requires that “This event or activity must be determined to be an extraordinary item, events or activities shall not be funded via a special allocation on a recurring, yearly basis,”; and

3 WHEREAS, this requirement has made it difficult for non-budgetary commissions to fund certain projects or events that they would like to pursue; and

4 WHEREAS, the Student Senate Executive Board has hesitated to set a
precedent of spending large sums of money on projects or events; and

WHEREAS, these obstacles have made it difficult and time-consuming for non-budgetary commission to host events or implement projects and services on behalf of the students of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate is to implement programs, projects, and services that improve student life and the overall quality of the University; and

WHEREAS, implementing a discretionary fund through a line item within the Student Senate General Operations budget would both improve ease of access to funds for non-budgetary commissions and encourage collaboration between these commissions on projects; and

WHEREAS, this fund must be determined to be a one-time item, event or activity; and

WHEREAS, if continued funding for this item, even or activity is needed, it must be presented to Organizations or Finance Commission as per the typical procedure for formulating the annual organized activities budget;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate adopt the Bylaw change proposed in Attachment “A,” thereby implementing a discretionary fund on a line item in the General Operations Budget of the Student Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this line item be included in the Student Senate General Operations Budget, beginning in fiscal year 2013-14; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any unspent dollars from this line item be moved to the unallocated Special Reserve within the University Activities Budget.
at the end of each fiscal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the success of this budget be evaluated by the 2015 to 16 Student Senate, through either acceptance or rejection of a bill created by the Chief of Staff Treasurer, prior to the creation of the Student Senate General Operations Budget for the following fiscal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee present its opinion regarding the success of the budget to the Student Senate, in a bill either confirming or eliminating the line item for future years; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Rynish 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. Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; Dave Gessner, Assistant Chancellor, Budget & Finance; and Mark Reeves, Director, Budget & Finance.