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

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

WHEREAS, the last referendum was held on November of 2009; and

WHEREAS, referendums are a necessary and important form of student voice that needs to be heard in this issue:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire authorizes for a referendum to address our membership within United Council;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the referendum will include the question on renewing our membership to the United Council of UW Students and will be in accordance with the UW Board of Regents Policy 30-4; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the referendum question 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 $3.00 per semester and $3.00 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
October 26 and 27, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the referendum will be filtered through the 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 the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire fully supports and encourages continued membership in the 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 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; Dave Gessner, Assistant Chancellor, Budget & Finance; and Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate.