University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire

Academic Affairs Commission

By-Laws
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Article 1. Purpose and Authority

Section 1.01: Purpose

The Academic Affairs Commission is a standing commission of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate and annually recommends to the Senate a plan for the distribution of the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Budget. The Academic Affairs commission will be tasked with upholding the purpose of the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Bylaws, as outlined in Article 1 of previously mentioned bylaws. The Academic Affairs Commission will be the liaison between the student body and university on matters that concern academic policies. Lastly, the academic affairs commission will be responsible for communicating with the University of Wisconsin System regarding system-wide academic policies. The Academic Affairs Commission will examine how the academic policies proposed by the University Senate Academic Policies Committee and the University of Wisconsin System Regents affect students and the commission shall take appropriate action.

Section 1.02: Authority

The Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, as the student governance body of the University, is granted responsibility for the distribution of Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition fees in accordance with the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Bylaws Article 1: Purpose, states:

These bylaws are established to ensure the transparent, inclusive, and orderly implementation of the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Program. The bylaws govern the processes to be used and the decision-making authority for each party involved in the Blugold
Commitment Differential Tuition Program.

The Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, as the student governance body of the University, is granted responsibility for the approval of the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition budget by the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Bylaws, Article 5: Student Senate Oversight, Section 5.01 Overview, that states in part:

At the conclusion of the Funding Analysis Committee, the Academic Affairs Director shall submit a bill for [the] Student Senate’s consideration containing a list of funded proposals, the amount requested by the proposal author, the amount granted by the Funding Analysis Committee and any other relevant or requested information. In addition, the bill shall outline the items on provisional status list and details if applicable about those specific proposals. The bill before the Student Senate shall be approved by simple majority vote.

The Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, as the student governance body of the University, is granted responsibility for the assessment of the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition proposals and programs by the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Bylaws, Article 6 Assessment, Section 6.04 Student Senate Assessment Oversight, that states:

All funding decisions assessed by the Funding Analysis Committee will be presented before the Student Senate as soon as possible after notifications are sent to proposers.
Article 2. Commission Organization

Section 2.01: Membership

The voting members of the Academic Affairs Commission shall be composed of the following:

The Director of the Commission, who shall be called the Academic Affairs Director.

Up to 9 students including the Academic Affairs Director.

Section 2.02: Qualification Requirements for Student Members

All student members of the Commission must be currently enrolled as students at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire for a minimum of halftime status and must maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.0.

Section 2.03: Director

The President and Vice-President of the Student Senate shall appoint the Academic Affairs Director, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Section 2.04: Minimum Composition

The Director through a process of their determination will recommend all members of the Commission to the Student Senate President for appointment to the Commission. The Academic Affairs Director shall make an effort to appoint members from a wide variety of academic and personal backgrounds. At all times, the Commission must consist of at least five total members. At the start of a new Student Senate session when a new Academic Affairs Director is appointed, all
members must re-apply to be considered for re-appointment to the Commission.

Section 2.05: Advisors

The Campus Provost, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and the Chair of the University Senate Academic Policies Committee will serve as advisors and resources to the Academic Affairs Commission with no voting rights, at their convenience. If student leaders deem it necessary based on an abuse of power, they may petition the Chancellor through a Commission vote for assignment of different advisor(s) in the place of said advisor(s).
Article 3. Roles and Responsibilities

Section 3.01: Attendance Policy

Commission members are expected to be at all regular meetings and sessions of the Commission. Excused absences will be tolerated at the discretion of the Academic Affairs Director. In the event of two unexcused absences, the Commission member will be subject to removal by the Academic Affairs Director.

Section 3.02: Student Commission Members Responsibilities

As members of the Commission and in recognition of the important duties of the Commission, all student members shall be expected to accept the following responsibilities:

- Have a working knowledge of the Academic Affairs Commission Bylaws.
- Have a working knowledge of the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition bylaws.
- Understand the policies that guide the allocation of the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition budget process.
- Comprehend the Blugold Commitment Funding process.
- If nominated, be able to represent the Student Body to the fullest of their ability on a Categorical Committee and/or the Funding Analysis Committee.
- Contribute to the work of the Commission as a representative of the student body.
- Complete all duties assigned by the Academic Affairs Director in a timely, thoughtful, and thorough manner.
Section 3.03: Academic Affairs Director

The Academic Affairs Director, as Director of the Commission, shall accept the following responsibilities:

- Prepare meeting agendas and minutes.
- Chair all meetings.
- Provide necessary information and guidance to the Commission Members.
- Provide each member of their commission with a copy of the Academic Affairs Commission bylaws and Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition bylaws.
- During the first meeting of the year, go over both sets of bylaws with the commission.
- Have a thorough understanding of university academic policies.
- Provide their commission with the Blugold Commitment project proposals.
- Serve as a non-voting member of the Academic Policies Committee of the University Senate.
- Regularly meet with the acting Campus Provost, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, and Budget Officer of Academic Affairs.
- Serve regular office hours and provide information to interested parties.
- Act as a resource on academic policies and Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition to the Student Senate.
and Student Body.

Recommend the appointment of a chairperson for Graduate Affairs and General Education and for the following colleges: Arts and Sciences, Business, Nursing and Health Sciences, and Education and Human Sciences.

Section 3.04: Advisors

The advisors to the Commission have no voting rights but are expected to support the work of the Commission in the following ways:

Serve as a resource for the Academic Affairs Director and Commission members as well as institutional memory.

Help formulate recommendations and make suggestions
Article 4. Commission Procedures

Section 4.01: Open Meeting Policy

All Academic Affairs Commission meetings shall be open meetings.

Section 4.02: Quorum

A quorum is defined as more than fifty percent of voting members present. For purposes of determining a quorum, the Academic Affairs Director shall be considered a voting member.

Section 4.03: Voting

(4.03.1) Voting by the Commission shall be accomplished in accordance with the latest edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order” unless otherwise indicated in these articles.

(4.03.2) Members of the Academic Affairs Commission who have in the past or currently hold executive positions in activities or organizations that are funded or have requested funding through the Blugold Commitment Differential Process may participate in the discussion or debate of any motion. However, such members must abstain on any vote affecting funding for that activity or organization. Any such member found voting on such a motion may be dismissed from the Academic Affairs Commission by the Academic Affairs Director.
Article 5. Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Bylaws

Section 5.01: Protocol

The Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Bylaws will act, at all times, as additional bylaws that the Academic Affairs Director and Commission shall abide by.

Section 5.02: Amendments

Any amendment(s) brought forth to the BCDT bylaws must first be discussed with the campus Provost, VC of AA, and Budget Officer of AA.