

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE**

BILL: A PROPOSAL TO FUND UWEC eSPORTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RECREATION

NUMBER 63-B-1 DATE: September 9, 2019

INTRODUCED BY: Joe Murphy, Director of the Information Technology Commission

1 WHEREAS, the Information Technology Commission is dedicated to improving the life of students through
2 technology; and

3 WHEREAS, the student technology fee is an allocation of student dollars, to be collected and used by students;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the Recreation Department, Learning and Technology Services, as well as the student body have
6 consistently shown interest in the development of a UWEC eSports program on campus; and

7 WHEREAS, the Information Technology Commission is seeking approval to utilize a range of \$18,000 to \$24,000
8 of its innovative technology budget to pursue this program, in collaboration with UWEC Recreation; and

9 WHEREAS, this allocation is to be spent on computers, monitors, chairs, keyboards, mice, and sound options to
10 populate the space; and

11 WHEREAS, The Information Technology Commission, along with Student Senate will work in collaboration with
12 Recreation, who will house and run the program; and

13 WHEREAS, over 40 Wisconsin High Schools already have an eSports program in effect; and

14 WHEREAS, fluctuations with ongoing promotions require the approval of a budget range on the prospective
15 machine order;

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate supports a budget
17 expenditure in order to help create an eSports program for the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire;

18 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage, President Johnson transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. James Schmidt,
19 Chancellor; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Albert
20 Colom, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management; John Haven III, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration;
21 Andy Jepsen, Director of Recreation; Garrett Larson, Competitive Sports Coordinator; Craig Mey, Director of Learning
22 and Technology Services.