

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

IN SUPPORT OF A AUGUSTA, JACKSON STATE, KENT STATE MEMORIAL

1 WHEREAS, Student Senate is the official voice of the student body at the University of
2 Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and

3 WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is committed to promote and support equity,
4 diversity, and inclusion efforts; and

5 WHEREAS, the College of Eau Claire established a memorial on May 8th, 1970 for the May 4th
6 shooting at Kent State; and

7 WHEREAS, on May 12th, the Augusta shooting occurred, followed by the May 15th shooting at
8 Jackson State University; and

9 WHEREAS, a student-led protest was held in the former student mall, where students voiced
10 opinions in a civilized and educational manner, in contrast to the rest of the nation, including in our own
11 UW - System; and

12 WHEREAS, with the installment of the new Davies Student Center, the original memorial was
13 displaced in the later 2000's; and

14 WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire reinstalled the Kent State memorial on May 4,
15 2015, for the 45th anniversary; and

16 WHEREAS, due to a limited researching and editing time, a rushed and inaccurate plaque and
17 tree memorial, with the original stone edifice reinstalled, with no mention of the stone bench that sat
18 with this memorial; and

19 WHEREAS, the removal of the old landmark and installment of the new for the 50th anniversary
20 in May, 2020, will create a memorial that is more equitable for the entire month of May of 1970, one
21 that is historically accurate in facts and location; and

22 WHEREAS, several organizations and departments at UWEC are in support and willing to provide
23 funds, including Facilities, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Equity in Student Matters Commission,
24 and the Special Collections of McIntyre Library;

25 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire Student Senate supports
26 the installmet of a new memorial; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire Student Senate will continue
28 to support EDI initiatives on campus; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire Student Senate will continue
30 to find and correct historical dilution within our campus;

31 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Johnson will transmit a
32 copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia Klein, Provost and
33 Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dang Yang, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs Chris
34 Jorgenson, Director, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center; Teresa O’Halloran, Director, Affirmative
35 Action; Albert Colom, Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management; Kristin Schumacher, Director,
36 University Centers

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