UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE CHANCELLORS ENROLLMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, a drastic demographic decrease in high school graduates is expected within the next 5 to 6 years; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2025, UW-Eau Claire is expecting to see this result in a decline of undergraduate applications; and

WHEREAS, a drop in enrollees will hinder the ability of the University to “maintain its current level of programming, staffing, and commitment to academic excellence”; and

WHEREAS, the rationale of persistent local, state, and federal efforts in the past decades has been to increase exposure and opportunity for individuals and groups that come from historically underrepresented backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, these efforts have contributed to the opportunity for more individuals and groups that come from historically underrepresented and/or marginalized backgrounds to pursue a degree in higher education; and

WHEREAS, the contingency of these efforts will continue to advance the increase in enrollment from individuals that come from and/or identify with historically underrepresented and/or marginalized groups; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellors $4.1 million base funding proposal restores enrollment levels to those of 2010, assists in retention efforts, and supports scholarships and co-curricular programs; and

WHEREAS, by avoiding cuts to the University, this plan is proactive and circumvents having to reduce offerings to members of the Student Body; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire supports a plan which works to combat the anticipated decline in undergraduate enrollees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate is in support of approaching this problem head on, instead of reducing the size, in terms of both students and faculty, of the University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate recognizes and supports the local, state, and federal efforts that will allow for institutions of higher education to continue to
see an increase in enrollment of people from diverse and historically underrepresented backgrounds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate at UW-Eau Claire implores the University to explore and implement additional plans that strengthen the ability to retain Faculty, Staff and Students of Color; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate calls on the University to continue to take into account the voice and ideas of students when working to create a more just, diverse, inclusive, and equitable learning environment for Students and Faculty; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage, President Johnson transmit a copy of this resolution to; Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Albert Colom, Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management; John Haven III, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Evan Weiher Chair, University Senate; Dang Yang, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs; Dr. Demetrius Smith, Program Director, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Dr. Peter Hart-Brinson, University Senate.

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