

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

**IN SUPPORT OF THE CHANCELLORS ENROLLMENT PLAN**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate recognizes and supports the  
28 local, state, and federal efforts that will allow for institutions of higher education to continue to

29 see an increase in enrollment of people from diverse and historically underrepresented  
30 backgrounds; and

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

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

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

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