

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

**IN SUPPORT IMPROVING RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS
OF MARGINALIZED IDENTITIES**

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

3 WHEREAS, the Student Senate passed 63-R-13 "In Support of the Chancellor's Enrollment Plan"
4 on October 21st, 2019; and

5 WHEREAS, the Student Senate recognizes that the concept of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
6 (EDI) includes many identities including but not limited to: people of color, people within the
7 LGBTQIAP2+ community, persons with disabilities, and students of marginalized identities such as but
8 not limited to international students and non-traditional students; and

9 WHEREAS, a portion of the Chancellor’s Enrollment Plan specifically aims to increase and
10 retain the student of color population on our campus; and

11 WHEREAS, The Division of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and Student Affairs (EDISA) has
12 stated that “The Role of the EDISA is to create an umbrella of support and service departments designed
13 to ensure the greatest possible academic, inclusive and anti-racist campus climate, this division seeks to
14 dismantle all types of barriers, fostering growth and achievement for every Blugold student”; and

15 WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire has experienced two highly publicized racist incidents on
16 campus in the Fall 2019 semester, in addition to numerous unreported and reported incidents; and

17 WHEREAS, the Bias Incident Response Team at UWEC addressed 87 reported bias incidents in
18 the 2018-2019 academic year; and

19 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, Student Senate calls on UW-Eau Claire administration to
20 innovate and improve resources for our current students of marginalized identities as outlined in
21 Attachment A before we move forward with recruitment of students of color as outlined in the
22 Chancellor's Enrollment Plan; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Senate recognizes that there are unique struggles
24 faced by those of historically marginalized identities that require unique support; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Senate recognizes that, as UW-Eau Claire is a
26 predominantly white campus, students of color require more support so that their experience is equitable
27 to those who do not identify as such; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Senate will continue to show support for all
29 marginalized identities on campus; and

30 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, upon passage President Johnson will transmit a copy of this
31 legislation to that upon passage of this resolution, President Johnson will transmit a copy to Dr. James
32 Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Albert
33 Colom, Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management; John Haven III, Vice Chancellor, Finance and
34 Administration; Evan Wheir, University Senate; Chris Jorgenson, Director, Gender and Sexuality Resource
35 Center; Teresa O'Halloran, Director, Affirmative Action; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University
36 Centers; Dang Yang, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs; Demetrius Smith, Program Director Equity,
37 Diversity, and Inclusion and Student Affairs; Vicky Thomas, Director, Services for Students with
38 Disabilities.

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