WHEREAS, the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire (UW-Eau Claire) is the official voice of the student body; and
WHEREAS, the Student Senate passed 63-R-13 "In Support of the Chancellor's Enrollment Plan" on October 21st, 2019; and
WHEREAS, the Student Senate recognizes that the concept of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) includes many identities including but not limited to: people of color, people within the LGBTQIA2+ community, persons with disabilities, and students of marginalized identities such as but not limited to international students and non-traditional students; and
WHEREAS, a portion of the Chancellor’s Enrollment Plan specifically aims to increase and retain the student of color population on our campus; and
WHEREAS, The Division of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and Student Affairs (EDISA) has stated that “The Role of the EDISA is to create an umbrella of support and service departments designed to ensure the greatest possible academic, inclusive and anti-racist campus climate, this division seeks to dismantle all types of barriers, fostering growth and achievement for every Blugold student”; and
WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire has experienced two highly publicized racist incidents on campus in the Fall 2019 semester, in addition to numerous unreported and reported incidents; and
WHEREAS, the Bias Incident Response Team at UWEC addressed 87 reported bias incidents in the 2018-2019 academic year; and
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, Student Senate calls on UW-Eau Claire administration to innovate and improve resources for our current students of marginalized identities as outlined in Attachment A before we move forward with recruitment of students of color as outlined in the Chancellor's Enrollment Plan; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Senate recognizes that there are unique struggles faced by those of historically marginalized identities that require unique support; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Senate recognizes that, as UW-Eau Claire is a predominantly white campus, students of color require more support so that their experience is equitable to those who do not identify as such; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Senate will continue to show support for all marginalized identities on campus; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, upon passage President Johnson will transmit a copy of this legislation to that upon passage of this resolution, President Johnson will transmit a copy 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; Evan Wheir, University Senate; Chris Jorgenson, Director, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center; Teresa O’Halloran, Director, Affirmative Action; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University Centers; Dang Yang, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs; Demetrius Smith, Program Director Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and Student Affairs; Vicky Thomas, Director, Services for Students with Disabilities.

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