

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

**IN SUPPORT OF THE GENDER AND SEXUALITY RESOURCE CENTER'S
PLAN TO PROVIDE FREE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN
ALL ALL-GENDER BATHROOMS**

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

3 WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire is committed to providing a vision and strategic direction moving
4 toward an environment of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) for all its members; and

5 WHEREAS, bathroom inequity has been felt through the lack of spaces, services, and products
6 offered in public spaces such as Universities and other institutional establishments; and

7 WHEREAS, there are nation-wide concerns and actions being taken against bathroom inequity,
8 primarily that of hygiene products; and

9 WHEREAS, campaigns such as *Free The Tampon* and *Period Poverty* have shed light on
10 the socioeconomic barriers and limited availability of hygiene products offered in schools and
11 universities; and

12 WHEREAS, the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center (GSRC) has taken measures to prevent and
13 counteract these issues by implementing All-Gender bathrooms across campus; and

14 WHEREAS, the GSRC has helped execute the installment of a total of 105 All-Gender bathrooms
15 on campus; and

16 WHEREAS, all buildings on campus have All-Gender bathrooms except for Schneider and
17 McPhee; and

18 WHEREAS, the lack of All-Gender bathrooms in Schneider is due to structural reasons that have
19 posed a very large financial and construction-based project, and

20 WHEREAS, the lack of All-Gender bathrooms in McPhee is due to the lack of single stall
21 bathrooms, with all the bathrooms being only multi-stall bathrooms; and

22 WHEREAS, the GSRC has been able to be successful in the buildings that do not have structural
23 hinderance; and

24 WHEREAS, the GSRC is continuing their work on fighting against bathroom inequities
25 by planning on providing more services beyond offering these spaces, and

26 WHEREAS, the GSRC introduced a plan to offer free hygiene products to the Rapid Action Task
27 Force that was assembled over the Winter Break, and

28 WHEREAS, All-Gender bathrooms are the most accessible and equitable place to offer free
29 hygiene products; and

30 WHEREAS, the GSRC plans on adding onto the accessibility of hygiene products to expand from
31 Women's bathrooms to All-Gender bathrooms as well; and

32 WHEREAS, the GSRC understands the centralizing of these products to All-Gender bathrooms
33 would be able to help relieve monetary stresses and extra labor needed for stocking; and

34 WHEREAS, the GSRC's next steps would be to continue on offering hygiene products offered in
35 more spaces such as Men's bathrooms, and resident halls; and

36 WHEREAS, the GSRC acknowledges the limitations posed from the pricing of the hygiene
37 products or the lack of availability of the resources due to perceived gender norms; and

38 WHEREAS, the GSRC is advocating for the implementation of these products provided to all
39 students in a way that is accessible by all students, and

40 WHEREAS, UW-Stout and UW-La Crosse campuses have a similar program for providing free
41 hygiene products to their student body; and

42 WHEREAS, the support from Student Senate is vital in helping the GSRC take the next steps and
43 receive proper funding for this project.

44 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Student Senate at UW-Eau Claire calls for administration
45 to support these efforts done by the Gender Sexuality Resource Center.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Student Senate will continue to support the GSRC in their work and in
47 their future projects and recognizes the work the office has done for this University.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this is a first step in a multi-phase project, and Student Senate
49 pushes administration to continue to support the GSRC and the expansion of this project.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate will continue to push UW- Eau Claire
51 administration to pursue innovation and excellence in the areas of equity, diversity, and inclusion.

52 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Johnson will transmit a
53 copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic
54 Affairs; Angie Stombaugh, Director, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning; Holly Hassemmer,
55 University Senate; Chris Jorgenson, Director, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center; Teresa O'Halloran,
56 Director, Affirmative Action; Dang Yang, Director Office of Multicultural Affairs; Demetrius Smith, Program
57 Director of EDI; Dr. Waren Anderson, Vice Chancellor of EDISA; John Haven III, Vice Chancellor, Finance
58 and Administration; Quincy Champman, Housing and Residence Life Director; Deborah Newman, Housing
59 and Residence Life Associate Director; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Kelly Holzer, Chair, University Staff
60 Council, Vicky Thomas, Director, Services for Students with Disabilities, Evan Weiher, University Senate,
61 Miranda Ricci, Eau-Claire Barron County Student Body President.

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