

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

IN SUPPORT OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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

3 WHEREAS, the month of February is nationally recognized as Black History Month; and

4 WHEREAS, Black students make up 1.11% of the student population at UW-Eau Claire¹; and

5 WHEREAS, the goal of Black History Month is to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements
6 Black Americans have made, and continue to make; and

7 WHEREAS, the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) puts on events throughout the month of
8 February to celebrate Black History Month; and

9 WHEREAS, OMA and student organizations, such as Black Student Alliance, African Student
10 Association, and Black Male Empowerment, have worked hard to create a diverse slate of events and
11 activities for the 2020 Black History Month calendar; and

12 WHEREAS, the Black community has been historically marginalized and exploited by
13 Predominantly White Institutions; and

14 WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire’s EDI commitment aims to create a campus that is open, supportive
15 and focused on dismantling racism, sexism, homophobia and xenophobia; and

16 WHEREAS, recognizing and celebrating months like Black History Month further the importance
17 of EDI across our campus;

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Student Senate officially recognizes and supports February as
19 Black History Month; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Student Senate calls upon the university and its administration to
21 continue to recognize, support, and celebrate February as Black History Month; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Student Senate will make every effort to attend all the University’s
23 Black History Month events; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, due to recent racial attacks aimed at Black students and the Black
25 community at UW-Eau Claire, it is essential that the university furthers its efforts to protect those
26 individuals and others with marginalized identities; and

¹ <https://datausa.io/profile/university/university-of-wisconsin-eau-claire>

27 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Johnson will transmit a
28 copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Warren Anderson, Vice Chancellor, Equity,
29 Diversity, Inclusion and Student Affairs; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia Klein, Provost and
30 Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Dang Yang, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs; Teresa
31 O'Halloran, Director, Affirmative Action; Albert Colom, Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management; John
32 Haven III, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University Centers;
33 Miranda Ricci, Student Body President, UW-Eau Claire Barron County; Michael Rindo, Assistant
34 Chancellor, Facilities and University Relations; Evan Weiher, Chair, University Senate; Kelly Holzer, Chair,
35 University Staff Council; Miko Scott, President, Black Student Alliance; Michael Thomas, Student Services
36 Coordinator of the Office of Multicultural Affairs; Eleni Seyeum, President, African Student Association

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