UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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