UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
THE EDI RAPID ACTION TASK FORCE

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

WHEREAS, the Chancellor’s EDI Rapid Action Task Force (EDIRATF) was formed “in recognition of our commitment to creating a more equitable, diverse and inclusive campus”¹; and

WHEREAS, membership of the EDIRATF was composed of 16 nominated faculty, staff and students from across all colleges and divisions, including from UW-Eau Claire, Marshfield and UWEC-Barron County campuses; and

WHEREAS, the EDIRATF was “charged with reviewing the current EDI strategic plan and its implementation outcomes, as well as the recommendations and requests from students, faculty and staff that have resulted from recent racist incidents [...] to identify specific, immediate actions that can be implemented by the end of the current academic year (May, 2020)”; and

WHEREAS, members of the task force interviewed stakeholders involved in the work of EDI, both on campus and at other institutions; and

WHEREAS, they reviewed more than 200 responses to a university-wide survey and collected and reviewed data from campus units on current practices and protocols; and

WHEREAS, they held more than two dozen Task Force and subcommittee meetings and conducted research to support best practice recommendations to carry out their final charge; and

WHEREAS, the final report by the EDIRATF “identified primary priorities in the areas of accountability, communication, and culture” to develop nine broad view recommendations; and

WHEREAS, each of the nine recommendations contained multiple sub-recommendations, background information, rationale, budget and shared governance implications;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate supports the final report by the EDIRATF; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Senate will work to actively participate in the implementation of recommendations from the EDIRATF; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Senate at UW-Eau Claire calls upon its administration to put forth the support and resources to effectively carry out the proposed recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate supports efforts to make campus a more Equitable, Diverse, and Inclusive space for all students; and

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; Peter Hart-Brinson, University Senate; Jan Larson, Chair, Communication and Journalism; Quincy Chapman, Director, Housing; Dan Schumacher, Director, Athletics; Youssra Bentaalla, Co-Chair, EDI Task Force; Jan Larson, Co-Chair, EDI Task Force; Kim Wudi, Athletics, Co-Chair, EDI Task Force; Dr. Silviana Amethyst; Dr. Peter Hart-Brinson; Dr. Stacey Jackson; Dr. David Jones; Ben Bechle; Khong Meng Her; Jenni Sterling;

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