

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹ <https://www.uwec.edu/files/5251/EDI-Rapid-Action-Task-Force-Final-Report.pdf>

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

30 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Johnson will transmit a
31 copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Warren Anderson, Vice Chancellor, Equity,
32 Diversity, Inclusion and Student Affairs; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia Klein, Provost and
33 Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Dang Yang, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs; Teresa
34 O'Halloran, Director, Affirmative Action; Albert Colom, Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management; John
35 Haven III, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University Centers;
36 Miranda Ricci, Student Body President, UW-Eau Claire Barron County; Michael Rindo, Assistant
37 Chancellor, Facilities and University Relations; Evan Weiher, Chair, University Senate; Kelly Holzer, Chair,
38 University Staff Council; Peter Hart-Brinson, University Senate; Jan Larson, Chair, Communication and
39 Journalism; Quincy Chapman, Director, Housing; Dan Schumacher, Director, Athletics; Youssra Bentaalla,
40 Co-Chair, EDI Task Force; Jan Larson, Co-Chair, EDI Task Force; Kim Wudi, Athletics, Co-Chair, EDI Task
41 Force; Dr. Silvana Amethyst; Dr. Peter Hart-Brinson; Dr. Stacey Jackson; Dr. David Jones; Ben Bechle;
42 Khong Meng Her; Jenni Sterling;

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