

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

STUDENT SENATE

**BILL: SUSPENDING THE REDISTRIBUTED FUNDS SYSTEM FOR THE
REMAINDER OF SPRING 2020**

NUMBER 63-B-19 DATE: April 13, 2020

INTRODUCED BY: Mary Stoutenburg, Student Organization Director

1 WHEREAS, the 62nd Session of Student Senate passed 63-B-4, creating the Student Organization
2 Redistributed Funds System; and

3 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Redistributed Funds System (RFS) is to ensure student dollars are
4 spent efficiently and effectively; and

5 WHEREAS, COVID-19, also known as Corona Virus, was declared a pandemic by the World
6 Health Organization as of March 10, 2020; and

7 WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UW-Eau Claire) has taken pre-emptive steps
8 to ensure the health and safety of all people affiliated with the university; and

9 WHEREAS, many Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) intended to use their segregated fee
10 funds for conferences, events, or programs that would involve large groups within the rest of the
11 semester; and

12 WHEREAS, these events will no longer occur due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

13 WHEREAS, this leaves multiple RSO's unable to fully utilize the allocated segregated fee funding
14 from the Student Organization Commission; and

15 WHEREAS, RSO's that do not use 90% of their funds would have their funds put into the
16 Redistributed Funds System; and

17 WHEREAS, the extraordinary circumstances require Student Senate to make appropriate action;

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Student Senate suspends the RDF System for this fiscal year due
19 to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the money not utilized due to COVID-19 will roll over into the next
21 fiscal year in each organization's respective accounts; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Organizations Commission will work with RSO's and
23 University Administration to continue to support students and adapt to the current situation; and

24 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage, President Johnson will transmit a copy to Dr. James
25 Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Klein, Provost and Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Dr. Warren
26 Anderson, Vice Chancellor, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Student Affairs; John Haven III, Vice
27 Chancellor, Finance and Administration; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Kristin Schumacher, Director,
28 University Centers; Miranda Ricci, Student Body President, UW-Eau Claire-Barron County; Mike Rindo,
29 Assistant Chancellor, Facilities and University Relations; Evan Weiher, Chair, University Senate; Kelly
30 Holzer, Chair, University Staff Council;