

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

**IN SUPPORT OF CREATING THE HOUSING COORDINATOR POSITION**

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

3           WHEREAS, the Student Senate values student housing and views affordable, quality housing as  
4 being integral to student success; and

5           WHEREAS, the lack of guidance from the University regarding on- and off-campus housing options  
6 results in students facing difficulties making educated housing decisions; and

7           WHEREAS, the Student Senate does not currently have regular, direct communication with  
8 Housing and Residence Life administration; and

9           WHEREAS, the array of existing housing-related tasks undertaken by Student Senate is shared by  
10 several individuals and commissions; and

11           WHEREAS, the Student Senate sees the need for a Housing Coordinator position specifically  
12 dedicated to bettering on- and off-campus student housing; and

13           WHEREAS, the Housing Coordinator would assist in promoting student housing resources and  
14 offering educational tools; and

15           WHEREAS, the Housing Coordinator would manage communications with on-campus housing  
16 personnel and organizations, including, but not limited to, meeting with the Director of Housing and  
17 Residence Life once per month, attending every Residence Hall Association General Assembly meeting,  
18 and maintaining communication with other Housing organizations and attending meetings as needed; and

19           WHEREAS, the general responsibilities of the Housing Coordinator relating to off-campus housing  
20 would include, but not be limited to, educating students on tenants' rights, maintaining communication  
21 with local landlords, organizing a week of tabling in the Fall to educate on-campus residents about moving  
22 off-campus, and maintaining the current partnership with Rent College Pads; and

23           WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization  
24 (WHO)<sup>1</sup>; and

25           WHEREAS, changes within the University in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have significantly  
26 increased unexpected costs; and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

27 WHEREAS, the Student Senate recognizes that the creation of a new position within the Student  
28 Senate at this time would not be fiscally responsible; and

29 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of Student Senate is in support of creating the  
30 Housing Coordinator position; and

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 64<sup>th</sup> session of Student Senate will reassess resources and  
32 finances to determine if the Housing Coordinator position can be created; and

33 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage, President Johnson will transmit a copy of this  
34 resolution to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic  
35 Affairs; John Haven III, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration; Dr. Warren Anderson, Vice  
36 Chancellor of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Student Affairs; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Quincy  
37 Chapman, Director of Housing and Residence Life; Deborah Newman, Associate Director of Housing and  
38 Residence Life; Ryan Banaszak, Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life; Ben Bechle, Assistant  
39 Director of Housing and Residence Life; Dr. Evan Weiher, Chair of University Senate; Jamie Siseman,  
40 Residence Hall Association President; Miranda Ricci, Student Body President at the University of  
41 Wisconsin-Eau Claire Barron County.

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