UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING ATHLETICS AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE CHANGE OF THE POWWOW DATE

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate is the official voice of the student body; and
WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire occupies the sacred and ancestral lands of the Ojibwe and Dakota people; and
WHEREAS, on Thursday April 9, 2020 Inter-Tribal Student Council was informed that the annual Powwow would have to be moved due to scheduling conflicts with Athletics; and
WHEREAS, Inter-Tribal Student Council reserved Zorn Arena for November 7, 2020 when the organization requested Zorn Arena for the Powwow in 2019; and
WHEREAS, on April 15, 2020 the Vice-President of Inter-Tribal Student Council was sent an email from the Vice-Chancellor of EDISA explaining that the Powwow would be moved to November 21, 2020; and
WHEREAS, this is the weekend prior to a Thanksgiving, a violent holiday that for many Native American people is a time of mourning; and
WHEREAS, the only information Inter-Tribal Student Council was given is that the Powwow was changed due to NCAA commitments that require the basketball to be on Saturday and in Zorn Arena; and
WHEREAS, the Vice-Chancellor of EDISA stated that “[he] looked into the issue, and understands why the game could not have been moved to either Friday (11/6) or Sunday (11/8), which was suggested”
WHEREAS, Inter-Tribal Student Council has the potential to lose resources and funding due to this schedule change; and
WHEREAS, The UW-Eau Claire Celebrating Diversity pages states that “we make a point to celebrate and acknowledge diverse populations throughout the year.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate condemns Athletics and University Administration for inequitably moving the Powwow date; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate condemns University administration’s decision to prioritize Athletics over their commitment to students of color and the University’s EDI goals; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate urges University Administration to reevaluate their decision and reminds University Administration that Inter-Tribal Student Council went through the proper channels and Athletics did not; 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 for...
Academic Affairs; Dang Yang, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Chris Jorgenson, Director, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center; Teresa O’Halloran, Director, Affirmative Action; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University Centers, Evan Weiher, University Senate, Vicky Thomas, Director, Services for Students with Disabilities, Kim Wellnitz, Co-Chair, Commission on the Status of Women, Rose-Marie Avin, Co-Chair, Commission on the Status of Women; Kelly Holzer, Staff Council; Raymond Cross, President, UW-System; Mirranda Ricci, Student Body President, UW-ECBC, Heather Ann Moody, Inter-Tribal Student Council Advisor, Maggie Jensen, Inter-Tribal Student Council Advisor, Edward Sobottka, Inter-Tribal Student Council Advisor, Tressa Lange, Inter-Tribal Student Council President.

SUBMITTED BY:
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