

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

**CONDEMNING ATHLETICS AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE CHANGE OF THE
POWWOW DATE**

- 1 WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate is the official voice of the
2 student body; and
- 3 WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire occupies the sacred and ancestral lands of the Ojibwe and Dakota
4 people; and
- 5 WHEREAS, on Thursday April 9, 2020 Inter-Tribal Student Council was informed that the annual
6 Powwow would have to be moved due to scheduling conflicts with Athletics; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Inter-Tribal Student Council reserved Zorn Arena for November 7, 2020 when the
8 organization requested Zorn Arena for the Powwow in 2019 ; and
- 9 WHEREAS, on April 15, 2020 the Vice-President of Inter-Tribal Student Council was sent an email
10 from the Vice-Chancellor of EDISA explaining that the Powwow would be moved to November 21, 2020;
11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, this is the weekend prior to a Thanksgiving, a violent holiday that for many Native
13 American people is a time of mourning; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the only information Inter-Tribal Student Council was given is that the Powwow was
15 changed due to NCAA commitments that require the basketball to be on Saturday and in Zorn Arena;
16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, the Vice-Chancellor of EDISA stated that “[he] looked into the issue, and understands
18 why the game could not have been moved to either Friday (11/6) or Sunday (11/8), which was
19 suggested”
- 20 WHEREAS, Inter-Tribal Student Council has the potential to lose resources and funding due to
21 this schedule change; and
- 22 WHEREAS, The UW-Eau Claire Celebrating Diversity pages states that “we make a point to
23 celebrate and acknowledge diverse populations throughout the year.”ⁱ”
- 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate condemns Athletics and University
25 Administration for inequitably moving the Powwow date; and
- 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate condemns University administration’s
27 decision to prioritize Athletics over their commitment to students of color and the University’s EDI
28 goals; and
- 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate urges University Administration
30 to reevaluate their decision and reminds University Administration that Inter-Tribal Student Council
31 went through the proper channels and Athletics did not; and
- 32 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Johnson will transmit a
33 copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Warren Anderson, Vice Chancellor, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion
34 and Student Affairs; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia Klein, Provost and Vice Chancellor for

35 Academic Affairs; Dang Yang, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Chris Jorgenson, Director,
36 Gender and Sexuality Resource Center; Teresa O'Halloran, Director, Affirmative Action; Kristin
37 Schumacher, Director, University Centers, Evan Weiher, University Senate, Vicky Thomas, Director,
38 Services for Students with Disabilities, Kim Wellnitz, Co-Chair, Commission on the Status of Women, Rose-
39 Marie Avin, Co-Chair, Commission on the Status of Women; Kelly Holzer, Staff Council; Raymond Cross,
40 President, UW-System; Miranda Ricci, Student Body President, UW-ECBC, Heather Ann Moody, Inter-
41 Tribal Student Council Advisor, Maggie Jensen, Inter-Tribal Student Council Advisor, Edward Sobottka,
42 Inter-Tribal Student Council Advisor, Tressa Lange, Inter-Tribal Student Council President.

SUBMITTED BY:

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