

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

**IN SUPPORT OF THE FORMATION OF PROPER PROTOCOL FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY'S HISTORICAL LAND
MARKERS/MEMORIALS**

1 WHEREAS, Student Senate is the official voice of the student body at the University of
2 Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UWEC); and
3 WHEREAS, WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is committed to promoting and
4 supporting equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) efforts; and
5 WHEREAS, in 2015 the University's Foundation Association and members of the Chancellor's
6 Executive Team erected a replacement plaque for the removed 1970 "Kent State Memorial", that was
7 previously located where the new Davies building sits; and
8 WHEREAS, during the production of this landmark/memorial, University
9 Archivist Greg Kocken, University Historians Jim Oberly and Bob Gough were not involved in most
10 of the research of the historical text that would be displayed on the now erected plaque; and
11 WHEREAS, between Kocken, Oberly, and Gough they were given approximately four days to edit
12 the text (See attachment A/B); and
13 WHEREAS, through nine months of research and production of an established group tasked in
14 the creation of the memorial and the text placed on it; this group consist of Archivist Greg Kocken,
15 Professor Cheryl Jimenez-Frei, and Off-Campus Student Senator Jackie Buttafuoco; and
16 WHEREAS, this group held student forums, meetings with key stake holders, and consulting the
17 University's Archives and Digital Collections department in the McIntyre Library; and
18 WHEREAS, through the work produced by this group; has shown there is a need for a
19 proper protocol when it comes to the production and erections of landmarks/memorials; and
20 WHEREAS, the University Archivist and the History Department Chair, and the entirety of the
21 History Department have agreed to participate in the consultation and resource aspect of this protocol;
22 and
23 WHEREAS, in the drafting of these protocols, a time minimum should be implemented to
24 prevent false and misrepresented information to be displayed on our campus; and
25 WHEREAS, the vitalness to maintain the integrity and credibility of these markers and memorials
26 promotes and helps execute the University's EDI initiatives; and
27 WHEREAS, lack of filtering of historical text, may it be from a simple land marker to a large
28 textbook, may allow for historically oppressive ideology to be promoted through certain rhetoric that
29 are attached to historically oppressive narratives; and
30 WHEREAS, producing a protocol with key members, allows for more perspectives, information,
31 and voices to be heard when creating markers/memorials that reflect the campus's climate and values;
32 and

33 BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, the UWEC Chancellor and Chancellor’s Executive Team
34 consult the University Archivist and the History Department when creating a new historical
35 landmark/memorial; and

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the creation of the more equitable “Augusta, Jackson and Kent State
37 Memorial”, to be reinstated, and resume the production of the memorial by the original group and
38 additional key members; and

39 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Johnson will transmit a
40 copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Warren Anderson, Vice Chancellor, Equity, Diversity,
41 Inclusion and Student Affairs; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia Klein, Provost and Vice
42 Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dang Yang, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Chris
43 Jorgenson, Director, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center; Teresa O’Halloran, Director, Affirmative
44 Action; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University Centers, Evan Weiher, University Senate, Vicky
45 Thomas, Director, Services for Students with Disabilities, Kim Wellnitz, Co-Chair, Commission on the
46 Status of Women, Rose-Marie Avin, Co-Chair, Commission on the Status of Women; Kelly Holzer, Staff
47 Council; Raymond Cross, President, UW-System; Miranda Ricci, Student Body President, UW-
48 ECBC, Greg Kocken, University Archivist, University Archives and Digital Collections; Dr. Louisa Rice,
49 Department Chair, UWEC History Department, Dr. Demetrius Smith, Program Director of EDI, UWEC;
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SUBMITTED BY:

Jackie Buttafuoco, Off-Campus Student Senator