



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT SENATE ACTION

TO: The Chancellor

REFERRAL DATE: 12/8/20

RE: Student Senate Resolution

DATE of Senate Action: 12/7/20

FROM: *Anna M. Zuehl*
Student Body President

LEGISLATION NUMBER: 64-R-17

LEGISLATION TITLE: In Support of Universal Feedback and Grading Timeframe

APPROVAL BY: Passed 24-0-2

Text attached.

Appropriate response is requested within one calendar week. Please notify the Student Senate by completing this form, returning one copy to the Student Senate Office, and one copy to the Dean of Students.

Initial the following:

Received/Acknowledged
 Assigned/referred to (if appropriate): _____

Further Comments:

[Signature]
Chancellor's Signature

1-21-21
Date

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

IN SUPPORT of DEPARTMENTAL FEEDBACK AND GRADING TIMEFRAMES

- 1 WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UWEC) Student Senate is the official voice of
2 the student body; and
- 3 WHEREAS, the UWEC Student Senate holds the responsibility of advocating for the student body
4 while offering equitable solutions for all parties at our institution; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the ongoing issue of communication between faculty and students has been escalated
6 during the Coronavirus Pandemic, especially in terms of timely grading, feedback, email correspondence,
7 and lenience with the emotional stresses associated; and
- 8 WHEREAS, while students also struggle with actively answering and communicating with faculty
9 over email, there remains a growing concern with faculty not grading in a timely manner; and
- 10 WHEREAS, however, there is a clear distinction between the role of those who are students, and
11 those who are educators; and
- 12 WHEREAS, there is an expectation on behalf of students when enrolling for courses that their
13 contributions in the classroom be assessed in a timely and consistent way; and
- 14 WHEREAS, while most faculty members excel in responsiveness and feedback, those who do not
15 threaten the reputation of UW-Eau Claire's unmatched academics and faculty; and
- 16 WHEREAS, without a universally accepted timeframe for grades and feedback to be published,
17 students may not be aware of their standing within a class prior to withdraw deadlines; and
- 18 WHEREAS, moreover, students may not improve on subsequent assignments with the absence of
19 feedback for their prior work, damaging the entire framework of academia at this institution; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the need for the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to commit to a widespread
21 expectation for grading grows, especially during the aftermath of emergency situations like the current
22 pandemic; and
- 23 WHEREAS, a clear understanding of when students can expect their work to be graded, assuming
24 it is submitted at a previously agreed upon deadline, will also encourage students to build strong and
25 meaningful communication with their respective faculty members; and
- 26 WHEREAS, this timeframe should be included in all syllabuses, which we continue to encourage
27 be distributed no later than the first week of course meetings; and
- 28 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the UWEC Student Senate encourages all faculty to include a
29 universal timeframe for grading in their syllabuses, and strongly abide by it; and
- 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we also urge the University Senate and all relevant committees to
31 require faculty to incorporate this timeframe in their syllabuses; and
- 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, should the Deans of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire not see the
33 risks of abstaining from assigning such a timeframe, we push all individual department chairs and faculty
34 to actively incorporate one in their courses; and
- 35 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage, President Ziebell will transmit a copy of this resolution
36 to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs; Grace

37 Crickette, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration; Dr. Warren Anderson, Vice Chancellor of Equity,
38 Diversity, Inclusion and Student Affairs; LaRue Pierce, Chair of University Senate; Samantha Maurer,
39 Residence Hall Association President; Justice Wesson, Student Body President at the University of Wisconsin-
40 Eau Claire Barron County; Dr. Linda Young, Dean of College of Nursing and Health Sciences; Dr. Rodd Freitag,
41 Dean of College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Carmen Manning, Dean of College of Education and Human Sciences;
42 Dr. Brewer Doran, Dean of College of Business; Dr. Evan Weiher, Chair of University Senate; Jan Larson,
43 Communication and Journalism Department Chair; Dr. Charlotte Sortedahl, Nursing Department Chair; Dr.
44 Ling Liu, Accounting and Finance Interim Department Chair; Dr. Paula Lentz, Business Communication
45 Program Director; Dr. Anthony Keys, Information Systems Department Chair; Dr. Kristy Lauver, Management
46 and Marketing Department Chair; Dr. Debra Barker, American Indian Studies Director; Dr. Karen O’Day, Art
47 and Design Department Chair; Dr. Paula Kleintjes, Biology Department Chair; Dr. James Phillips, Chemistry
48 Department Chair; Dr. J. Erik Hendrickson, Computer Science, Physics and Astronomy Interim Department
49 Chair; Dr. Thomas Kemp, Economics Department Chair; Dr. Jan Stirm, English Department Chair; Dr. Ezra
50 Zeitler, Geography and Anthropology Department Chair; Dr. Phillip Ihinger, Geology Department Chair; Dr.
51 Marquell Johnson, Rehabilitation Science Director and Academic Policies Committee Chair; Dr. Louisa Rice,
52 History Department Chair; Dr. Matt Waters, Languages Department Chair; Dr. Manuel Fernández, Latin
53 American and Latinx Studies Program Director; Dr. David Tschida, Communication and Journalism Director;
54 Dr. Marc McEllistrem, Materials Science and Engineering Program Director; Dr. Alex Smith, Mathematics
55 Department Chair; Dr. Gretchen Peters, Music and Theatre Arts Department Chair; Dr. Sean McAleer,
56 Philosophy and Religious Studies Department Chair; Dr. Geoffrey Peterson, Political Science Department
57 Chair; Dr. Jeffrey Goodman, Psychology Department Chair; Dr. Pam Forman, Sociology Department Chair; Dr.
58 Rose-Marie Avin, Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program Director; Dr. Sue Fondrie, Education
59 Studies Department Chair; Dr. Cathy Thorsen, Special Education Department Chair; Dr. Abby Hemmerich,
60 Communication Sciences and Disorders Department Chair; Dr. Jeffrey Janot, Kinesiology Department Chair;
61 Dr. Leah Olson-McBride, Social Work Department Chair.

SUBMITTED BY:

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