



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - EAU CLAIRE RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

Introduced By: RHA Initiatives and Improvements Committee

- 1 WHEREAS, there have been issues reported about tobacco-based substance usage on the
2 University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire’s (UWEC) campus; and
3 WHEREAS, the Residence Hall Association has been presented with evidence in the form of
4 survey results from UWEC Student Health Service; and
5 WHEREAS, the aforementioned evidence reported that 57% of UWEC students surveyed
6 supported a tobacco-free campus; and
7 WHEREAS, the aforementioned evidence reported that 66% of faculty surveyed were in support
8 of a tobacco-free campus; and
9 WHEREAS, the aforementioned evidence reported that 64% of staff surveyed were in support
10 of a tobacco-free campus; and
11 WHEREAS, being a tobacco-free campus would improve the overall health of UWEC students
12 by reducing the amount of second-hand smoke on campus; and
13 WHEREAS, being a tobacco-free campus would improve the overall presentation of UWEC’s
14 campus to visitors, students, and potential students by reducing the amount of tobacco-
15 related litter on campus; and
16 WHEREAS, universities such as UW-Stout, UW-River Falls, and UW-Stevens Point already have
17 tobacco-free campus policies; and
18 WHEREAS, the Student Health Services offers plans and medications to aide in the cessation of
19 tobacco use; and
20 WHEREAS, enacting a tobacco-free campus policy has the potential to encourage users to seek
21 help quitting the use of tobacco; and
22 WHEREAS, the Residence Hall Association supports the definition of tobacco use as follows: any
23 lighted cigarette (such as clove, bidis, kreteks), cigars, pipes, and hookah products; any
24 other smoking or vaping products (such as e-cigarettes); any smokeless, spit or spitless,
25 dissolvable, or inhaled tobacco products, including but not limited to dip, chew, snuff or
26 snus, in any form (such as orbs, sticks, pellet, etc.); and excluding tobacco used for
27 religious or cultural reasons;
28 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Residence Hall Association is in favor of enacting a
29 policy that would make the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire a tobacco free
30 campus; and
31 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this bill, President Maurer will transmit a
32 copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Billy Felz, Interim Vice Chancellor of Enrollment
33 Management; Quincy Chapman, Director of Housing and Residence Life; Deb Newman,
34 Associate Director of Housing and Residence Life; Ben Bechle, Assistant Director of
35 Housing and Residence Life and Advisor to RHA; Ryan Banaszak, Assistant Director of
36 Housing and Residence Life; Anna Ziebell, President of Student Senate; Joe Murphy,
37 Vice-President of Student Senate; Linda Pratt, Advisor to RHA; Hailey Sieber, Advisor to
38 RHA.