WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UW-Eau Claire) Student Senate is the official voice of the student body; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Affairs Commission collaborates with the Office of the Provost on the proposal process for Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition (BCDT); and

WHEREAS, the approved final total of the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition spending plan for 2021-2022 was $10,656,648; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition is for all UW-Eau Claire students, regardless of socioeconomic background, to participate in multiple high-impact educational practices before graduation; and

WHEREAS, this includes at least one of the following: collaborative undergraduate research, immersion experience, and internships/practica; and

WHEREAS, programs seeking continued funding through the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition must first be approved by the Academic Affairs Commission before reaching the Funding Analysis Committee (FAC); and

WHEREAS, the Funding Analysis Committee is composed of four student representatives, including the Academic Affairs Director and Intern, and four representatives from the Office of the Provost; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been brought up regarding the effectiveness of commission review and quality of recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Director TenBarge has collaborated with the Office of the Provost on updating the procedure regarding BCDT; and

WHEREAS, the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition (BCDT) spending plan for the next fiscal year requires the approval of the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire Student Senate; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Committee would receive in-depth training and guidance on how to properly vet proposals by the Academic Affairs Director and representatives from the Provost’s Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Committee would work underneath the purview of the Academic Affairs Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Committee would be chaired by the Academic Affairs Director; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Committee would hold meetings when needed to provide training on the review process or to review proposals; and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage, President Mikoulinskii will transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Olga Diaz, Vice Chancellor, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Student Affairs; Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; Billy Felz, Interim Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University Centers; Grace Arrigoni, Student Body President, UW Eau Claire-Barron County; Mary Hoffman, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Stephanie Jamelske, Budget Officer, Academic Affairs.