

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE - STUDENT SENATE

BILL: Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Committee

NUMBER: 65-B-2 DATE: October 11, 2021

**INTRODUCED BY: Elizabeth TenBarge, Director, Academic Affairs Commission &
On-Campus Senator**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Committee would hold
32 meetings when needed to provide training on the review process or to review proposals; and

33 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage, President Mikoulinskii will transmit a copy of this
34 bill to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and
35 Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Olga Diaz, Vice Chancellor, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Student
36 Affairs; Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; Billy Felz, Interim Vice Chancellor,
37 Enrollment Management; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University Centers; Grace Arrigoni, Student Body
38 President, UW Eau Claire-Barron County; Mary Hoffman, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic
39 Affairs; Stephanie Jamelske, Budget Officer, Academic Affairs.