UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF A TEMPORARY BYLAW SUSPENSION
(CH III, SECTION III, PART III, LINE II)

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

2 WHEREAS, The 65th Session of the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate operates under 15 primary
executive mechanisms; and

3 WHEREAS, an essential position within the Executive Board is the Chief of Staff; and

4 WHEREAS, The Chief of Staff serves many functions, including taking attendance, assisting in vote
counts, chairing Internal Affairs, assembling minutes, and facilitating the social and procedural aspects of
the Student Senate (see Attachment “A”); and

5 WHEREAS, The Chief of Staff also provides the primary outlet for Senators and Directors regarding
general or specific concerns they may have, and works to collaboratively resolve internal issues; and

6 WHEREAS, a fundamental duty of the Chief of Staff is to provide training and guidance for new
and continuing Senators regarding their roles and legislation; and

7 WHEREAS, The Chief of Staff position bylaws limit employment to an individual who held an
official Senate position (Senator or Executive) in the previous session; and

8 WHEREAS, as of October 28th, 2021, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate consists of 29 appointed
or elected individuals; and

9 WHEREAS, of these individuals, only 10 fit this qualification, with 8 already employed in an
Executive capacity within other roles; and

10 WHEREAS, The Vacancy Committee’s selection process for the current 7 Senator vacancies will
conclude on October 29th, 2021; and

11 WHEREAS, to offer proper training and acclimation of these new students into the organization,
a Chief of Staff is vital; and

12 WHEREAS, especially in an unprecedented academic climate where students are consistently
having to reevaluate involvement in activities for their academic and mental wellbeing, the UW-Eau Claire
Student Senate must be flexible; and

1 2013 Wisconsin Act 20 can be found here: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/related/acts/20.pdf. 36.27 (6) (b)
was created to read: “The board may provide students with the opportunity to pay an additional fee to support an
inter-institutional student government organization. The board may not require students to pay the fee.”
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, The UW-Eau Claire Student Senate will suspend Chapter III, Section III, Part III, Line II of the bylaws solely for the 65th Session to allow for a stronger hiring process for the new Chief of Staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The President and Vice President will form a hiring committee to ensure equitable and ethical hiring practices for this individual; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, membership of this committee is welcome to any officially appointed or elected member of the 65th Student Senate Session by a written request to the President and will be appointed at their discretion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon suspension of this specific requirement, any member of Student Senate in a Senator, Intern, Coordinator, or Director capacity may apply for the Chief of Staff position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The President and Vice President have opened the application for this position, and look to have a nominee put in front of the Student Senate by Monday, November 22nd, 2021; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Mikoulinskii will transmit a copy 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; William Felz, Interim Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University Centers; Grace Arrigoni, Student Body President, UW-Eau Claire-Barron County; Evan Weiher, Chair, University Senate; Nicole Owen, Chair, University Staff Council; Jake Wrasse, Liaison, Legislative and Community Relations.

SUBMITTED BY:
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3: A document with further information has been attached to this resolution, but can also be found here: [https://committees.uwsp.edu/sga/Meeting%20Resources/Forms/AllItems.aspx](https://committees.uwsp.edu/sga/Meeting%20Resources/Forms/AllItems.aspx).