Chapter I, Section I; Addition of language:

Primary control of the Student Senate rests with the students at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UW-Eau Claire). The Senate, in conformance with the Student Body Constitution, shall be the judge of the qualifications and standards of professional behavior of its members and officers. Additional elaboration as to the purview of operation and control can be found within this document. The UW-Eau Claire Student Senate Bylaws serve as a contract between elected and appointed members. The responsibility of the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate solely rests with the student body, and more specifically, its elected and appointed members. The UW-Eau Claire Student Senate will function in compliance with the Student Body Constitution and its Bylaws.

SECTION 10: EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND AMENDMENTS SUSPENSION

Chapter I, Section 10: Addition of language:

It is the design of these bylaws that they remain an active, binding, and an unwavering contract between members and affiliates of Student Senate. However, an occasion may arise in which an aspect of these bylaws needs to be temporarily suspended.

A bylaw suspension should take place only if absolutely necessary. The President must present the matter to the Program Assistant, Vice President, and Advisor for deliberation. Upon consent, the President and Vice President must author a bill on the matter for guidance and approval by the General Assembly. The bill must have at least 80% voting in the affirmative for it to be considered approved by the Student Senate.

Upon passage, unless otherwise noted, the suspension shall immediately take effect. After an action is taken, the proper procedure through the Internal Affairs Committee to revise the bylaws accordingly must be considered.

An amendment, suspension, or additional procedure shall only occur in one or more of the following circumstances:

a. An emergency, which is defined as a state which impacts students' well-being substantially, as determined by the Student Senate Administration and its direct supervisors.

b. To form an ad-hoc emergency planning committee or task force that collaborates with the administration and Senate along with the accountability and transparency committee to understand and inform decisions on taking action in emergency situations. This committee or task force will be formed by the
president and will include but not be limited to two senators, and two students at large.

c. To support transparency and strong communication to students with data and benchmarks to base decisions on and provide resources to help students in times of need.

d. A separate, substantial need to override specific bylaws temporarily, as previously outlined. The Senate may vote to override specific bylaws temporarily through the legislature and a vote; these may include but are not limited to election procedures, quorum, and Autonomy as previously outlined.

According to Robert’s Rules of Order, being the form of Parliamentary Procedure for which this governmental entity must comply, “rules contained in the bylaws cannot be suspended—no matter have large the vote in favor of doing so or how inconvenient the rule in question may be—unless the particular rule specifically provides for its own suspension”. This governing document in itself is a rule, and each specific section of the rule follows similar procedures to clauses in a contract. The above section provides the specific rule necessary for suspension of the bylaws

Chapter II, Section 2; Removal of language:
All meetings of the Student Senate shall comply with all applicable laws and policies governing the holding of government meetings. A flag of the United States of America shall be present at all regular meetings of the Student Senate.

Chapter II, Section 2, Part 3; Addition of language:
Professional conduct, as established in the latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order and these bylaws, shall be maintained throughout the duration of any Student Senate meetings. To preserve the legitimacy of the legislative body and standard of The UW-Eau Claire Student Senate, any member of the Student Senate is expected to maintain professional conduct in Student Senate meetings.

Chapter II, Section 2, Part 6: Removal & addition of language
The public hearing must be held with at least a 24-hour notice between the first reading and consideration of the Bill or Resolution. The public hearing shall be held at an accessible location, at a reasonable time and for a reasonable duration so that students may attend. The Bill or Resolution author or a co-author must be present at the public hearing and is responsible for setting up the hearing in coordination with the Communications Director. The Communications Director shall advertise the public hearings to the campus community. The public hearing must be held with at least a 24-
hour notice between the first reading and consideration of the Bill. Resolutions do not need a public hearing, but an author may sponsor one at their discretion and interest. The public hearing shall be held at an accessible location, at a reasonable time and for a reasonable duration so that students may attend. The Bill or Resolution author or a co-author must be present at the public hearing and is responsible for setting up the hearing in coordination with the Communications Director. The Communications Director shall advertise the public hearings to the campus community. Invitations for open forums must be directly extended to the University Senate, University Staff Council, College Deans, University Executive Members, and other relevant Directors of campus as needed. A piece of legislation that impacts the Residence Hall Association, UW-Eau Claire - Barron County Student Government Association, or other official organizations and departments of campus should be given the opportunity to give feedback regarding the legislation prior to a vote at the discretion of the author(s) and the President.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. Bills relating to the Organized Activities Budget, Student Technology Fee Budget Ranges, Differential Tuition Budget, Referendums, or Constitutional Amendments are required to have a public hearing between first reading and consideration. Other bills at or above $5,000 expenditures must have a public hearing. Bills relating to the Organized Activities Budget, Student Technology Fee Budget Ranges, Differential Tuition Budget, Referendums, or Constitutional Amendments are required to have a public hearing between first reading and consideration.

Removal of Chapter II, Section 2, Part 7, Subsection 5

Chapter II, Section 2, Part 1: Change to the Order of Business

II. Land Recognition Statement
   A. I/We acknowledge that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire occupies the sacred and ancestral lands of Indigenous Peoples. I/We honor the land of the Ojibwe and Dakota Nations.

III. Military Acknowledgement Statement
   A. We acknowledge the sacrifices made by those who protect the physical and diplomatic safety of United States citizens and our affiliates. We thank military service members for their commitment to our country.