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

WHEREAS, a coalition of student leadership, primarily led by UW-Steven’s Point and UW-Eau Claire, facilitated the drafting of a constitution for a statewide student governance organization in the 21-22 academic year; and

WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate passed a resolution in support of statewide student governance within 65-R-14 (attachment “A”); and

WHEREAS, upon the legislative approval of 9 comprehensive UW system schools, this organization and its respective constitution shall be ratified; and

WHEREAS, the UWSSGA constitution provides guidance regarding the procedures and membership criteria for each respective campus and the overarching statewide organization (Attachment “B”); and

WHEREAS, the organization shall allow for stronger communication and collaboration amongst system student governances, particularly through the capacity of regular meetings with other shared governance entities; and

WHEREAS, specifically, involvement in this organization shall benefit all system students in the facilitation of more unity to counteract issues of equity and generally dismissed student issues; and

WHEREAS, a more generalized description of the organization’s benefits also includes relevant historical context and rationale behind the organization (Attachment “C”); and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the 66th Student Senate session echoes the sentiments of 65-R-14 to support the creation of and participation in the UWSSGA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon successful passage of this bill, the constitution of the UWSSGA shall be considered ratified and adopted by UW-Eau Claire; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the UWSSGA constitution shall also replace part 10-14 of the Intergovernmental Affairs Bylaws; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Gaitan will transmit a copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Klein, 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; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; 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; Gary Wheeler, Interim Campus Director, UW-Eau Claire-Barron County.