TO: The Chancellor

RE: Student Senate Resolution

DATE of Senate Action: 10/18/21

FROM: [Signature]
Student Body President

LEGISLATION NUMBER: 65-R-14

LEGISLATION TITLE: In Support of Statewide Student Governance

APPROVAL BY: Passed 24-1-2 (Placard)

Text attached.

Appropriate response is requested within one calendar week. Please notify the Student Senate by completing this form, returning one copy to the Student Senate Office, and one copy to the Dean of Students.

Initial the following:

- Received/Acknowledged

Assigned/referred to (if appropriate): __________________________

Further Comments:

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Chancellor's Signature

10-26-21

Date

One copy for Student Senate; One copy for Chancellor

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF STATEWIDE STUDENT GOVERNANCE

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

WHEREAS, Student advocacy is a staple to the state of Wisconsin's Shared Governance structure; and

WHEREAS, The United Council of UW Students was established at UW-Stevens Point in 1960 as an agreement between nine UW Student Governments; and

WHEREAS, The United Council of UW Students was previously an effective statewide student governance body, for which campuses could vote to participate in through a student body referendum every other year; and

WHEREAS, The United Council of UW Students was instrumental in the creation and language of UWS 36.09(5), the preservation of segregated fees after Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System v. Southworth, the creation of two student regent seats, and the passage of the 2013 tuition freeze; and

WHEREAS, The United Council of UW Students was funded by what was known as the "Mandatory Refundable Fee", being a segregated fee assessed to every student on campuses that were a part of United Council; and

WHEREAS, this fee could be refundable upon request of individual students; and

WHEREAS, in later years, the United Council of UW Students was opposed by many across the UW System and in the state government, which resulted in defunding in the 2013-2015 Wisconsin State Budget, known as 2013 Wisconsin Act 20; and

WHEREAS, as an effect of 2013 Wisconsin Act 20, the Mandatory Refundable Fee was made illegal; and

WHEREAS, without a reliable funding source, The United Council of UW Students became ineffective and eventually ceased operation in 2016; and

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2: Wisconsin Act 58 can be found here: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2021/related/acts/58.pdf.
WHEREAS, After the dissolution of the United Council of UW Students, the individual student
governments of the UW System came together and sought to form a new organization to advocate on
behalf of students, forming UW System Student Representatives; and

WHEREAS, UW System Student Representatives operated until May of 2019, when no formal
election of new leadership was held; and

WHEREAS, in its place, the UW System Administration attempted to create the UW System
Presidential Council; and

WHEREAS, UW System Student Representatives is no longer in operation, and the UW
System Student Presidential Council is struggling to properly organize; and

WHEREAS, Identifiable causes for the failure of these student shared governance
mechanisms are lack of legitimacy, organization, and funding; and

WHEREAS, Individual student governments across the UW System are only able to be
effective with adequate funding, as this allows them to commit the time and dedication required to
make any student governance group effective; and

WHEREAS, The absence of an effective statewide governance body has left students and student
interests vulnerable, as exemplified by the inability of individual UW student governments to respond to
the lifting of the tuition freeze in the 2021-2023 Wisconsin State Budget, known as 2021 Wisconsin Act
58; and

WHEREAS, As evident by the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate's own efforts, students are fierce
advocates for public education, the Wisconsin Idea, and the UW System; and

WHEREAS, The absence of an effective statewide student governance group has left the UW
System at large vulnerable, and by extension, the state of Wisconsin; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, The UW-Eau Claire Student Senate calls for the creation of an
effective, well-funded statewide student governance body, and will support efforts for the creation of
one; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This new statewide student governance group will act as an
organizing body for student governments around the state, passing legislation,
organizing statewide advocacy efforts, and serving as the systemwide
student shared governance body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The UW-Eau Claire Student Senate will discuss the potential for
pushing this initiative forward through a Student Body Referendum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The UW-Eau Claire Student Senate will continue to show support for
this initiative by pursuing a January Student Governance Symposium; and

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."

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The UW-Eau Claire Student Senate calls on individual campus administrations, the UW System administration, state legislators, and Governor Evers to support the creation of such a group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The UW-Eau Claire Student Senate calls on individual student governments across the UW System to adopt a similar resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, After the adoption of similar resolutions in other student government bodies within the UW System, meetings shall be convened between them to determine the structure of this new body; 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; Brianna Tucker, Student Regent, UW System Board of Regents; Edmund Manyuedds III, President, UW System Board of Regents; Chuck Wichgers, Representative, Wisconsin State Assembly; Jodi Emerson, Representative, Wisconsin State Assembly; Tony Evers, Governor, State of Wisconsin; Melissa Agard, Minority Caucus Vice-Chair, Wisconsin State Senate; Joan Ballweg, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Kathleen Bernier, Majority Caucus Vice-Chair, Wisconsin State Senate; Janet Bewley, Minority Leader, Wisconsin State Senate; Julian Bradley, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Tim Carpenter, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Robert Cowles, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Alberta Darling, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Jon Erpenbach, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Mary Felzkowski, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Dan Feyen, Assistant Majority Leader, Wisconsin State Senate; André Jacque, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; John Jagler, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; LaTonya Johnson, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Chris Kapenga, President, Wisconsin State Senate; Dale Kooyenga, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Chris Larson, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Devin LeMahieu, Majority Leader, Wisconsin State Senate; Howard Marklein, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Stephen Nass, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Jerry Petrowski, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Brad Pfaff, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Janis Ringhand, Assistant Minority Leader, Wisconsin State Senate; Roger Roth, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Kelda Roys, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Jeff Smith, Minority Caucus Chair, Wisconsin State Senate; Rob Stafsholt, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Duey Stroebel, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Lena Taylor, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Patrick Testin, President Pro Tempore, Wisconsin State Senate; Van Wanggaard, Majority Caucus Chair, Wisconsin State Senate; Eric Wimberger, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Robert Wirch, Senator, Wisconsin State Senate; Ted Evert, President, UW-Green Bay Student Governance; Jared Zwettler, President, UW-La Crosse Student Governance; Adrian Lampron, President, UW-Madison Student Governance; Amilia Heredia, President, UW-Milwaukee Student Governance; Jacob Fischer, President, UW-Oshkosh Student Governance.

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Governance; Kurstin Frey, President, UW-Platteville Student Governance; Brigitte Ledferd, President, UW-River Falls Student Governance; Will Scheder, President, UW-Stevens Point Student Governance; Devin Dunke, President, UW-Stout Student Governance; Henry Collier, President, UW-Superior Student Governance; Davin Stavroplos, President, UW-Whitewater Student Governance.

SUBMITTED BY:
Jaden Mikoulnskii, UW-Eau Claire Student Body President

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