

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE**

Bill: Special Allocation: Music and Theatre Arts Department

NUMBER 65-B-13 DATE: April 4th, 2022

INTRODUCED BY: Nicholas Johnson, Director, Finance Commission

1 WHEREAS, the Student Senate is the primary source of funding for Organized Activities
2 including the Music and Theatre Arts department; and

3 WHEREAS, the Music and Theatre Arts department is an academic department that allows
4 students to engage in extracurricular music and theatre performances; and

5 WHEREAS, the non-academic activities and programs directed by this department qualifies it as
6 an Organized Activity; and

7 WHEREAS, the Music and Theatre Arts departments owns musical instruments that it lends out
8 to students should the students require the instruments for their performances; and

9 WHEREAS, there has been an increase in demand for special instruments, which are defined as
10 musical instruments that students themselves do not typically own as they are prohibitively expensive
11 to purchase and maintain; and

12 WHEREAS, the Student Senate has recently passed a resolution in support of encouraging
13 Organized Activities to explore areas of need in which Special Allocations can be utilized; and

14 WHEREAS, the Music and Theatre Arts Department has submitted a request for a Special
15 Allocation to improve lighting for theatre productions, and to purchase additional special instruments
16 for students; and

17 WHEREAS, the purchase of additional instruments will directly benefit students, as they will be
18 able to engage in more performances without the financial burden of purchasing and maintaining
19 instruments; and

20 WHEREAS, purchasing additional instruments will allow for the creation of another University
21 Band, and thus more students will be able to participate in extracurricular performances; and

22 WHEREAS, following a presentation from the Music and Theatre Arts Department, the Finance
23 Commission approved \$13,000 specifically for the purpose of purchasing additional instruments; and

24 WHEREAS, the voting margin for the proposal was 9-0-1; and

25 WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Student Senate to support the resources that directly impact
26 student interests and experiences at UW-Eau Claire; and

27 WHEREAS, the Student Senate has the financial capability to support the funding of new
28 instruments in Music and Theatre Arts department; and

29 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that upon passage, Senate Student will allocate \$13,000 to fund
30 the purchase of musical instruments within the Music and Theatre Arts Department; and

31 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Mikoulskii will transmit a copy of this
32 bill to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and
33 Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Olga Diaz, Vice Chancellor, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Student
34 Affairs; Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; Billy Felz, Interim Vice Chancellor,
35 Enrollment Management; Tracy Drier, Director, Budget and Resource Planning; Jacqueline Kriesel,
36 Controller, Administration & Finance; Gretchen Peters, Director, Music and Theatre Arts Department;
37 Evan Weiher, Chair, University Senate; Grace Arrigoni, Student Body President, UW Eau Claire-Barron
38 County; Gary Wheeler, Interim Campus Director, UW Eau Claire-Barron County.