WHEREAS, the bylaws of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UW-Eau Claire) Student Senate provide specific policy and procedural interpretations of the Student Body Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in past sessions, the conclusion of the annual Student Segregated Funding Fee process involves the appeal process for student organizations who have applied; and

WHEREAS, in years past, numerous student organizations are unable to spend their full allocation amount or alert the Student Organization Commission of their plan to spend the funds by the third Monday of March, a requirement per the Student Senate bylaws Section 13, Part 4, Subsection 6; and

WHEREAS, per the aforementioned clause in the bylaws, that unused allocation amount is taken back and moved into the Redistributed Funds system; and

WHEREAS, the Student Organization Commission Director is required to appeal for funds from the Finance Commission each Fall semester as part of the year-end balance appeal for the Organized Activities funding process; and

WHEREAS, due to the decrease in enrollment on campus, the amount of funding that SOC can receive from the year-end balance appeal process is expected to decrease for the FY 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, all the money received from the year-end balance appeal process immediately moves into the SOC Special Allocation Fund, a fund specifically designed to support a multitude of student organizations by providing them with up to $500 in segregated fees that may be used during the current fiscal year the funds are allocated; and

WHEREAS, being able to transfer the leftover money at the end of the Student Segregated Funding Fee process that would traditionally be used for the appeal process directly into the SOC Special Allocation fund for the following year would ensure that there is ample money available in the SOC Special Allocation fund; and

WHEREAS, re-allocating the money in this fashion will ensure that all allocations to student organizations is used in its entirety, as well that it is used solely for the purpose presented to the Student Organization Commission during the weekly meetings; and

WHEREAS, amending the current Student Senate bylaws to add a clause to implement this change for future sessions will ensure the future success of not only the Student Segregated Funding Fee process, but also the SOC Special Allocation Fund; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Section 13, Part 4, Subsection 3 of the Student Senate bylaws is amended to read: “The Student Organization Commission Director shall email all student organizations that applied with their final allocation amounts. The amount of money left within the original allocation amount for the Student Segregated Funding fee process, following
the distribution of the final allocation amounts, will immediately be moved into the SOC Special
Allocation Fund to be used for the following fiscal year of operations.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these amendments be permanently adopted for the
current 66th session, as well as the following sessions of Student Senate; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this bill, President Gaitán will
transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Greggory Heinselman, Dean of
Students; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Grace Crickette,
Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; Billy Felz, Interim Vice Chancellor, Enrollment
Management; Evan Weiher, Chair, University Senate; Stephanie Pyykola, Student Senate Program
Manager; Sara Thommesen, Activities, Involvement and Leadership; Tracy Drier, Director
Finance/Human Resources; Quincy Nesgoda, Student Body President, UW Eau Claire-Barron
County; Gary Wheeler, Interim Campus Director, UW Eau Claire-Barron County