

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

BILL: Amending Section 13, Part 4, Subsection 3 of the Student Senate Bylaws

NUMBER: 66-B-13 DATE: April 3, 2023

INTRODUCED BY: Brad Heap, SOC Director; Student Organization Commission

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

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, due to the decrease in enrollment on campus, the amount of funding that SOC
16 can receive from the year-end balance appeal process is expected to decrease for the FY 2023-
17 2024; and

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

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

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

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

32 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Section 13, Part 4, Subsection 3 of the Student
33 Senate bylaws is amended to read: “The Student Organization Commission Director shall email all
34 student organizations that applied with their final allocation amounts. The amount of money left
35 within the original allocation amount for the Student Segregated Funding fee process, following

36 the distribution of the final allocation amounts, will immediately be moved into the SOC Special
37 Allocation Fund to be used for the following fiscal year of operations.”

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

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