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

WHEREAS, one of the main objectives of the Student Organization Commission is to provide Student Organizations at the university with ample funding for their operations; and

WHEREAS, many Student Organizations cannot take advantage of the full scope of potential activities for their organization due to lack of funding; and

WHEREAS, the Student Organization Commission had a carryover of funds from last fiscal year which totaled $5000, and we are allocating $3000 of that sum to this newly proposed fund; and

WHEREAS, Student Organizations may miss funding opportunities like the Segregated Funding Fee process, or they are an entirely brand-new Student Organization; and

WHEREAS, Student Organizations will be able to take advantage and apply for up to $500 in Segregated Fees for their organization through the newly proposed SOC Special Allocation Fund; and

WHEREAS, Student Organizations may only apply if they are new, re-activating, or missed the opportunity to receive Segregated Funds the year prior due to missing the deadline, leadership changes, and/or some combination of extenuating circumstances; and

WHEREAS, any Student Organization who takes advantage of this fund must use their funds by June 30th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Student Organizations that receive funding from the SOC Special Allocation Fund are also still encouraged to apply for a Segregated Fee Fund for FY 2024; and

WHEREAS, interested Student Organizations will submit relevant information into a form on Blugold Connect +, including basic information about their organization, a completed Segregated Funding financial sheet, and accompanying presentation which the organization will also be required to present in person to SOC before decisions are made and funds are released; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate supports the creation of the Student Organization Commission Special Allocation Fund; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, the Student Organization Commission will immediately begin offering this fund to Student Organizations and begin allocating money to interested Student Organizations who apply; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Gaitan will transmit a copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; Billy Felz, Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management; Gregory Heinselman, Dean of Students; Tracy Drier, Associate Director, Budget and Resource Planning; Quincy Nesgoda, Student Body President, UW-Eau Claire-Barron County; Evan Weiher, Chair, University Senate