

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

**Calling on the Student Senate Office Manager to Permanently Incorporate
a Senator's Pronouns Onto their Placards**

1 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Student Senate at this University to adopt inclusive and
2 forward thinking policies; and

3 WHEREAS, as the representative body of the students, Student Senate is a body composed of
4 many different identities and individuals with diverse backgrounds; and

5 WHEREAS, pronouns are an important tool used in speech to identify an individual, and;

6 WHEREAS, when speaking about a Senator in third person, which may occur in debate on the
7 Senate floor, pronouns are gender implied. Often, these associations can be inaccurate; and

8 WHEREAS, misgendering an individual, or assuming their preferred pronouns without asking
9 first, can send a harmful message; and

10 WHEREAS, using the correct gender pronouns of an individual, is an important way of showing
11 respect for their identity; and

12 WHEREAS, yellow placards, which are provided to every new Senator upon appointment or
13 election, are not only used for voting purposes, but are an important tool used to identify the name of a
14 Senator during a general assembly meeting, commission meeting, or during office hours; and

15 WHEREAS, the Student Senate office manager is responsible for making placards for each new
16 Senator upon appointment or election; and

17 WHEREAS, permanently incorporating a Senator's preferred pronouns to their placards will not
18 only build a more inclusive environment within the Senate, but will help other Senators and the student
19 body to properly identify Senator's preferred pronouns during general assembly meetings, commission
20 meetings, and office hours; and

21 WHEREAS, President Gaitan has already started this process by offering pronoun stickers for the
22 placard of each Senator that requests them, and many have taken this opportunity; and

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, the Student Senate of the
24 University of Wisconsin Eau Claire calls upon the Student Senate office manager, to add a Senator's
25 preferred pronouns to every new placard created after the passage of this resolution; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, the Student Senate office
27 manager should ask every new appointed or elected Senator their preferred pronouns before making
28 their respective placard; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, the Student Senate office
30 manager should make clear to new or appointed Senator's that adding their pronoun's to their placard
31 is strongly encouraged, but not required; and

32 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Gaitan will transmit a
33 copy of this resolution to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Greg Heinselman, Dean of Students; Dr.
34 Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor, Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor, Finance and
35 Administration; Billy Felz, Interim Vice Chancellor, Management; Evan Weiher, University Senate; Nicole
36 Owen, Chair; University Staff Council; Grace Arrigoni, Student Body President, UW Eau Claire-Barron
37 County; Gary Wheeler, Interim Campus Director, UW-Eau Claire-Barron County

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