UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

In Support of the Creation of an Incoming Student Guide
(Blugold Guide)

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UW-Eau Claire) Student Senate is the official voice of the student body; and
WHEREAS, adjusting to the college experience takes time and can be stressful; and
WHEREAS, institutional knowledge, which can be defined as best practices, inherent understanding, experience and information that students learn through participating in college life, takes time to learn and is not officially transferred to new students; and
WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire website can be difficult to navigate, outdated and lacking detail, especially concerning student life; and
WHEREAS, last year the author started a project through service learning in the Spring 2022 semester to address this issue, especially concerning “incoming, international, transfer, and students of marginalized identities” (Attachment A); and
WHEREAS, this guide was intended to help students “hit the ground running” and reduce the time that students feel unsure of themselves and their place on campus or how to get involved; and
WHEREAS, the author completed a working draft of the project, originally intended to cover 30 pages/30 topics, and reached out to several offices for feedback by the end of the last academic year; and
WHEREAS, the author has engaged in conversations with Taylor Zeimet, Assistant Director of Orientation and New Student Programs and Academic Testing Center Manager; Billy Felz, Interim Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, Enrollment Management; Jasmine Case, Academic Advisor and Stephanie Pyykola, Department Assistant and Office Manager, on moving forward with this project; and
WHEREAS, there is potential and interest in this guide being used not only for incoming students, but for prospective students and their families to get to know the UW-Eau Claire campus and culture; and
WHEREAS, there is funding available through Student Senate to print the physical booklets, as well as potential to reach out to other departments to assist in printing costs; and
WHEREAS, design interns in the AIL office and Communications Commission would be able to gain working hours on this project; and
WHEREAS, this project could be taken on by the Communications Commission to be periodically updated and remain current as a by-students, for-students initiative through Student Senate; and
WHEREAS, with the passing of this resolution as a show of student support, the author will move forward with collaborating with Taylor Zeimet on creating this guide; and
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by passing this resolution, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate recognizes the need for and potential benefit of a wide-scope student guide; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate supports the creation of the Blugold Guide; and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, 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; Teresa O’Halloran, Interim Assistant Chancellor of EDI; Selika Duckworth, Interim Executive Director for EDI Engagement; Evan Weiher, Chair, University Senate; Taylor Zeimet, Assistant Director of Orientation and New Student Programs; Jasmine Case, Academic Advisor; Quincy Nesgoda, Student Body President, UW Eau Claire-Barron County; Gary Wheeler, Interim Campus Director, UW Eau Claire-Barron County

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