

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

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

- 1 WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UW-Eau Claire) Student Senate is the official
2 voice of the student body; and
- 3 WHEREAS, adjusting to the college experience takes time and can be stressful; and
- 4 WHEREAS, institutional knowledge, which can be defined as best practices, inherent
5 understanding, experience and information that students learn through participating in college life, takes
6 time to learn and is not officially transferred to new students; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire website can be difficult to navigate, outdated and lacking detail,
8 especially concerning student life; and
- 9 WHEREAS, last year the author started a project through service learning in the Spring 2022
10 semester to address this issue, especially concerning “incoming, international, transfer, and students of
11 marginalized identities” (Attachment A); and
- 12 WHEREAS, this guide was intended to help students “hit the ground running” and reduce the time
13 that students feel unsure of themselves and their place on campus or how to get involved; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the author completed a working draft of the project, originally intended to cover 30
15 pages/30 topics, and reached out to several offices for feedback by the end of the last academic year; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the author has engaged in conversations with Taylor Zeimet, Assistant Director of
17 Orientation and New Student Programs and Academic Testing Center Manager; Billy Felz, Interim Vice
18 Chancellor for Enrollment Management, Enrollment Management; Jasmine Case, Academic Advisor and
19 Stephanie Pyykola, Department Assistant and Office Manager, on moving forward with this project; and
- 20 WHEREAS, there is potential and interest in this guide being used not only for incoming students,
21 but for prospective students and their families to get to know the UW-Eau Claire campus and culture; and
- 22 WHEREAS, there is funding available through Student Senate to print the physical booklets, as
23 well as potential to reach out to other departments to assist in printing costs; and
- 24 WHEREAS, design interns in the AIL office and Communications Commission would be able to gain
25 working hours on this project; and
- 26 WHEREAS, this project could be taken on by the Communications Commission to be periodically
27 updated and remain current as a by-students, for-students initiative through Student Senate; and
- 28 WHEREAS, with the passing of this resolution as a show of student support, the author will move
29 forward with collaborating with Taylor Zeimet on creating this guide; and
- 30 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by passing this resolution, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate
31 recognizes the need for and potential benefit of a wide-scope student guide; and
- 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate supports the creation of the Blugold
33 Guide; and
- 34 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Gaitán will transmit a
35 copy of this bill to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Gregory Heinselman, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia
36 Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor, Finance and

37 Administration; Billy Felz, Interim Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management; Teresa O'Halloran, Interim
38 Assistant Chancellor of EDI; Selika Ducksworth, Interim Executive Director for EDI Engagement; Evan
39 Weiher, Chair, University Senate; Taylor Zeimet, Assistant Director of Orientation and New Student
40 Programs; Jasmine Case, Academic Advisor; Quincy Nesgoda, Student Body President, UW Eau Claire-
41 Barron County; Gary Wheeler, Interim Campus Director, UW Eau Claire-Barron County

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