

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

## In Support of and Recognizing National Coming Out Day

1           WHEREAS, National Coming out day will be celebrated by many allied and LGBTQIA+  
2 individuals at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire on Friday, October 11th.

3           WHEREAS, for decades, policies and attitudes in the United States have made it extremely  
4 difficult for LGBTQIA+ identifying individuals to be open about their identities to their family,  
5 friends, neighbors and coworkers, because of the potential threats to their safety, and risk of  
6 bullying, harassment and persecution that a queer individual would likely face.

7           WHEREAS, it takes a tremendous amount of courage, preparation, consideration and  
8 deliberation for an individual who decides to come out given the threats and risks associated with  
9 doing so.

10           WHEREAS, despite major progress in expanding the rights of LGBTQIA+ individuals,  
11 those same rights are currently under attack by homophobic and transphobic policy makers.

12           WHEREAS, the same risk of bullying, harassment and persecution, as well as threats to a  
13 queer individual's safety exist, despite it being much easier to openly, and proudly identify as  
14 LGBTQIA+.

15           WHEREAS, it is the duty of the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Student Senate to  
16 diligently serve and protect the students of this university, including those who identify as  
17 LGBTQIA+.

18           WHEREAS, through the diligent work of the Gender and Sexualities Resource Center, and  
19 the Queer campus community, The University of Wisconsin Eau Claire has made significant  
20 strides in creating an inclusive and welcoming campus community for those who identify as  
21 LGBTQIA+

22           WHEREAS, as a result of this work, The University of Wisconsin Eau Claire has earned a  
23 5 star rating from Campus Pride. Additionally, The University of Wisconsin Eau Claire has been  
24 placed by Best Colleges and Campus Pride in the top 25 schools in the nation, and the best in the  
25 State of Wisconsin for its inclusivity of LGBTQIA+ people.

26 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire  
27 honors and celebrates National Coming out day and applauds the courage and strength that it takes  
28 for individuals who come out as LGBTQIA+

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin  
30 Eau Claire recognizes and commends the tremendous work and good that the Gender and Sexuality  
31 Resource Center has contributed to the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire despite the tremendous  
32 difficulty that work has been under threats from individuals determined to rollback LGBTQIA+  
33 progress, rights, and equality.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin  
35 Eau Claire renews its commitment to working for the advancement and protection of the  
36 LGBTQIA+ campus community, and hereby recognizes that EDI contributes greatly to the  
37 tremendous strength and resilience of our campus community.

38 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Farmer will  
39 transmit a copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice  
40 Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration;  
41 Billy Felz, Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management; Teresa O'Halloran, Interim Assistant  
42 Chancellor of EDI; Selika Ducksworth, Interim Executive Director for EDI Engagement; Kallie  
43 Friede, Interim Director, GSRC; Chris Jorgenson, Interim Executive Director, EDI/Leadership;  
44 Gregory Heinselmann, Dean of Students; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University Centers; Kristen  
45 Hohweiler, Student Body President, UW Eau Claire-Barron County; Evan Weiher, Chair,  
46 University Senate; Nicole Owen, Chair, University Staff Council

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