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Passed by Placard Vote
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May 3, 2010

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF WISCONSIN ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

1 WHEREAS, increased accessibility to voting procedures
2 serves to benefit not only college students living away from
3 home, but all state of Wisconsin residents at large; and

4 WHEREAS, student engagement in the elections process is
5 essential to becoming a well-rounded citizen through the college
6 experience; and

7 WHEREAS, the World Wide Web is a useful and securable
8 communication tool heavily employed by today's students, and is
9 successfully used for identity-sensitive procedures such as
10 opening a bank account or changing address through the DMV or
11 USPS; and

12 WHEREAS, the process of data entry, including that of paper
13 voter registration material, is plagued with labor costs and
14 risk of inaccuracy; and

15 WHEREAS, the implementation of an online voter registration
16 system integrated with the state driver license database has
17 been popular and successful in Arizona, Washington, and Kansas;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the voting process itself would remain unchanged,
20 requiring the in-person completion of a physical ballot at a
21 designated polling location;

22 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate of
23 University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire support provisions to
24 implement an online voter registration system, in hopes that it
25 will increase student accessibility to the voter registration
26 process, especially for those wishing to register in their home
27 municipality; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate of
29 University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire urge immediate legislative
30 action; and

31 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President
32 Umhoefer transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-
33 Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice
34 Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs;
35 Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; Dave Gessner,
36 Assistant Chancellor, Budget & Finance; Jodi Thesing-Ritter,
37 Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office; Senator
38 Russ Feingold; Senator Herb Kohl; Representative Ron Kind;
39 Senator Kathleen Vinehout; Senator Pat Kreitlow; Representative
40 Kristen Dexter; Representative Jeff Smith; United Council of UW
41 Students; Eau Claire County Board; and UW System Student
42 Government Presidents.

SUBMITTED BY:

Katelyn Kufahl, Intergovernmental Affairs Commission

Director

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission

April 26, 2010