



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **STUDENT LEADERS SUPPORT PUBLIC EXCESSIVE INTOXICATION ORDINANCE**

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate met on Monday evening to discuss and vote on The Public Excessive Intoxication Ordinance proposed by The City Council of The City of Eau Claire. The Senate commends the Taskforce's efforts in focusing on issues that pertain to the Eau Claire Community, UW-Eau Claire students and their safety. We also commend the committee for addressing student concerns and taking them into consideration when amending this ordinance. We understand that substance use and alcohol misuse result in a negative impact in the Eau Claire Community, and we support the proposed Public Excessive Intoxication Ordinance.

Upon passage of this ordinance, the city staff will pursue to enact a diversion program for those who receive citations. This program would allow these individuals to take a class and eliminate the fee and have their ticket dismissed. Taskforce members will present the new ordinance to ensure that community members are aware of the changes that have been made.

The UW-Eau Claire Student Senate supports this revised ordinance and will continue to work to strengthen relationships within the community. We recognize all the hard work that the Taskforce has put forward, and we have recommended that they continue to meet on a bi-annual basis to continue community building.

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