

March 28, 2011  
PASSED by VOICE VOTE  
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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE  
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE WISCONSIN IDEA PARTNERSHIP

1           WHEREAS, in the proposed 2011-2013 Biennial Budget, UW-  
2 Madison and the rest of the UW System will receive a proposed  
3 cut of \$250 million; and

4           WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire is planned to receive an 11%  
5 reduction in state aid; and

6           WHEREAS, these cuts will have a negative effect on the  
7 University and the students of UW-Eau Claire if the UW System is  
8 not given the tools to deal with the proposed cuts; and

9           WHEREAS, state funding received through block grants  
10 instead of "silos" would provide substantial flexibility in  
11 budgeting and allow the University to re-purpose funds to deal  
12 with cuts; and

13           WHEREAS, the State's strict controls over universities' HR  
14 policies and pay plans make it impossible for the University to  
15 compete for talented professors, administrators and staff in a  
16 global marketplace; and

17           WHEREAS, current regulations on construction projects  
18 increase the costs of construction to the University and delay  
19 the project's completion; and

20           WHEREAS, the UW System is currently prohibited from  
21 managing its long-term investments and from retaining interest  
22 gained on those investments; and

23           WHEREAS, these investments would allow for the creation of  
24 endowments for increased financial aid, new academic and support  
25 structures or financial flexibility; and

26           WHEREAS, the UW System is prohibited from independent  
27 procurement and must instead purchase through the Department of  
28 Administration although less expensive and local options exist;  
29 and

30           WHEREAS, the ability for individual Universities to set  
31 tuition is a crucial flexibility for University operations; and

32           WHEREAS, the UW System currently maintains a strong  
33 partnership with students and a history of student input on  
34 tuition increases; and

35           WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire's Blugold Commitment Differential  
36 Tuition policy involves substantial student control and has a  
37 strong track record of success; and

38           WHEREAS, the students of UW-Eau Claire recognize the  
39 concerns facing the UW System; and

40           WHEREAS, this proposal would keep UW-Madison inside of the  
41 UW System, but provide the flexibilities it is seeking through  
42 the New Badger Partnership; and

43           WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Idea Partnership proposal would  
44 address the aforementioned issues facing the UW System;

45           BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate, on behalf  
46 of the over 11,000 students of UW-Eau Claire, supports the  
47 proposed Wisconsin Idea Partnership; and

48           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate renews its  
49 opposition in the proposal of splitting UW-Madison from the UW  
50 System; and

51           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate suggests  
52 that the Wisconsin Idea Partnership should include student  
53 approval for raises in tuition above levels for cost to continue  
54 current operations, including cuts from the State; and

55           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that established differential  
56 tuition programs should remain intact and not be rolled into the  
57 new tuition setting authorities; and

58           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate suggests UW  
59 System should adapt its proposal to ensure student approval of  
60 tuition increases above cost to continue levels; and

61           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate suggests  
62 that the State Legislature should approve the Wisconsin Idea  
63 Partnership amendment to the 2011-2013 state budget; and

64 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Jambrek  
65 transmit copies of this resolution to all UW Chancellors and  
66 Interim Chancellors; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice  
67 Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs;  
68 Dr. Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dave Gessner, Assistant  
69 Chancellor, Budget and Finance; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair,  
70 University Senate; Mike Rindo, Interim Assistant Chancellor,  
71 Facilities; all UW Student Representatives; Dr. Kevin Reilly,  
72 President, UW-System; Charles Pruitt, President, UW System Board  
73 of Regents; Nicole Juan, Executive Director, United Council;  
74 Michael Miscicke, Government Relations Director, United Council;  
75 Erika Wolf, Advocacy Field Organizer, United Council; Todd  
76 Nordgren, Field Director, United Council; Kirk Cychosz,  
77 President, United Council; Janna Caspersen, Vice President,  
78 United Council; Maxwell Love, Secretary, United Council; Scott  
79 Walker, Governor of Wisconsin; Representative Warren Petryk,  
80 Senator Kathleen Vinehout; Senator Alberta Darling; Senator  
81 Luther Olsen, Senator Sheila Harsdorf,; Senator Joe Leibham;  
82 Senator Glenn Gothman; Senator Randy Hopper; Senator Lena  
83 Taylor; Senator Robert Jauch; Representative Robin Vos;  
84 Representative Dan Myer, Representative Dan LeMahieu;  
85 Representative John Nygren; Representative Pat Strachota;  
86 Representative Joel Kleefisch; Representative Tamara Grigsby;  
87 Representative Jennifer Shilling; Senator Dan Kapanke;

88 Representative Steve Nass; Representative Dean Knudson;  
89 Representative Joan Ballweg; Representative Donald Pridemore;  
90 Representative Daniel Knodl; Representative Paul Farrow;  
91 Representative Evan Wynn; Representative Barbara Toles;  
92 Representative Terese Berceau; Representative Louis Molepske,  
93 Jr.; Representative Gordon Hintz; Senator Neal Kedzie; Senator  
94 Terry Moulton; Senator Dave Hansen; Senator Jim Holperin; and  
95 Representative Kathy Bernier.

SUBMITTED BY:

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