UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS
Resolution Adopted April 8, 2011

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes vest the primary responsibility for governance of the University of Wisconsin System in the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents’ responsibilities include enacting policies and promulgating rules for governing the System, setting systemwide priorities, and planning for the future needs of the state for university education; and

WHEREAS, the effect of the Board of Regents’ policy-setting, rulemaking, and planning responsibilities reaches to the borders of the state and beyond; and

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Regents bring to their service on the Board knowledge and awareness of the unique areas of the state in which they reside; and

WHEREAS, with the Wisconsin Idea Partnership, the Board of Regents would receive new flexibilities to help our campuses manage their resources more effectively and better serve the 182,000 students who attend our institutions, and elected leaders need to be sure that the Board of Regents will use those flexibilities to the benefit of all the people of Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the UW System Board of Regents supports 2011 Senate Bill 28 and 2011 Assembly Bill 39, legislation that would amend s. 15.91, Wis. Stats., to provide for the appointment to the Board of Regents of at least one citizen member who resides in each of Wisconsin’s congressional districts.