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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 883

1 WHEREAS, textbook prices are a perpetual concern for
2 students and their instructors in higher education; and

3 WHEREAS, keeping all costs low for students in today's
4 circumstances of declining state support for higher education
5 should be a priority for all; and

6 WHEREAS, if given the choice between two identical texts,
7 instructors would select the more affordable text; and

8 WHEREAS, information about the texts and publishers should
9 be provided to the instructors to make informed decisions about
10 which textbook to select; and

11 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 883 (Attachment "A") requires that
12 the price at which the publisher would sell the textbook to a
13 vendor who sells textbooks to students be provided to
14 instructors at the time of solicitation; and

15 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 883 also requires the publishers to
16 make known the history of revisions to the textbook at the time
17 of solicitation; and

18 WHEREAS, these provisions will allow for greater textbook
19 affordability; and

20 WHEREAS, the students of the University of Wisconsin-Eau
21 Claire currently participate in a textbook rental system; and

22 WHEREAS, a noticeable number of textbooks are still
23 required for purchase despite this system; and

24 WHEREAS, it is not feasible for all campuses, particularly
25 large campuses, to implement such a program; and

26 WHEREAS, these provisions will assist all in selecting
27 textbooks, no matter the system used;

28 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-
29 Eau Claire Student Senate supports Assembly Bill 883 and
30 recommends its immediate approval; and

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Eau
32 Claire Student Senate supports that an identical bill be
33 introduced in the Wisconsin State Senate to complement Assembly
34 Bill 883 to allow for its immediate approval and implementation;
35 and

36 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Raymond
37 French transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-
38 Stankevich, Chancellor; Andrew Soll, Vice Chancellor, Business &
39 Student Services; Dr. Steven Tallant, Provost/Vice Chancellor;
40 the Spectator, the Leader-Telegram; Representative Jeff Smith;
41 Representative Terry Moulton; Representative Stephen Nass,

42 Chair, Colleges & Universities Committee; Senator Kathleen
43 Vinehout; Senator Pat Kreitlow; Dr. Marty Wood, Chair,
44 University Senate; Ann Lapp, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor,
45 Student Development & Diversity; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter,
46 Associate Dean of Student Development, Student Development &
47 Diversity.

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