

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE  
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF HIGHER EDUCATION REINVESTMENT (H.E.R.)

1       WHEREAS, tuition has increased 70% over the last six years;

2   and

3       WHEREAS, the state has previously paid two dollars to every  
4   student's one dollar and now the students pay more than the state  
5   supplies; and

6       WHEREAS, the state contributes to 45% of the UW System's  
7   cost of instruction while students contribute 55% to the cost of  
8   instruction; and

9       WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Board of Regents that the  
10   state should provide 65% of the UW System's cost of instruction;  
11   and

12       WHEREAS, over 60% of the UW resident undergraduates graduate  
13   with debt; and

14       WHEREAS, in a period of seven years (1992-1999), the number  
15   of students that took out loans rose from 42% to 64%; and

16           WHEREAS, the high number of graduates with debt increases  
17 the probability that they will seek higher paying jobs outside of  
18 the state after they graduate; and

19           WHEREAS, in 2006, the National Center for Public Policy and  
20 Higher Education gave the State of Wisconsin an "F" in  
21 affordability saying, "The State's investment in need-based  
22 financial aid is very low when compared with top-performing  
23 states;" and

24           WHEREAS, in the last thirty years, grants have made up 75%  
25 of a student's financial aid packet and loans made up the  
26 remaining 25%; currently, this proportion has reversed; and

27           WHEREAS, the statistics listed above illustrate the need for  
28 Wisconsin's Higher Education Reinvestment to provide an  
29 affordable and valuable education;

30           BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the UW-Eau Claire Student  
31 Senate supports the Wisconsin Needs Higher Education Reinvestment  
32 campaign; and

33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate  
34 encourages other student governments to support the Wisconsin  
35 Needs Higher Education Reinvestment campaign; and

36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate  
37 encourages the Joint Finance Committee to commit to funding the  
38 UW System at a level comparable to a fully funded tuition freeze;  
39 and

