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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE  
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF RAISING MONEYS FOR THE WISCONSIN  
HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT

1           WHEREAS, many students statewide who have qualified for  
2 financial aid but won't be receiving it this year through the  
3 Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) by filling out  
4 the FAFSA; and

5           WHEREAS, overall there are 185 students at Eau Claire alone  
6 who qualified for an average of \$2427 but because of budget  
7 shortfalls will received \$0 for this academic year; and

8           WHEREAS, throughout the entire UW there are 3516 students  
9 on the wait list who qualify for an average of \$2403 but will  
10 receive nothing this year; and

11           WHEREAS, State Representative Cory Mason has circulated  
12 legislation titled the "Wisconsin Jobs Initiative," which among  
13 other things would increase funding for the Wisconsin Higher  
14 Education Grant; and

15           WHEREAS, this increase in funding over the next two years  
16 would increase by approximately \$46.5 million, which would fully  
17 cover the grants for the 25,000 students who are expected to  
18 qualify for the grant in the next two years but would otherwise

19 not receive any financial aid through the WHEG due to funding  
20 shortfalls; and

21 WHEREAS, United Council is strongly supporting any  
22 legislation that would allow HEAB to fully fund the WHEG and  
23 distribute it to all students who have qualified due to their  
24 demonstrated financial need;

25 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the UW-Eau Claire Student  
26 Senate supports the Wisconsin Jobs Initiative; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UW-Eau Claire Student  
28 Senate encourages students to contact their legislators and  
29 remind them of the need for Wisconsin's government to prioritize  
30 financial aid funding, particularly during such economic  
31 downturns as the one we are currently in; and

32 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President  
33 Umhoefer transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-  
34 Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice  
35 Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs;  
36 Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; Dave Gessner,  
37 Assistant Chancellor, Budget & Finance; Michael Moscicke,  
38 Government Relations Director, United Council; Jodi Thesing-  
39 Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office;  
40 Kirstin Dexter, State Representative; Jeff Smith, State  
41 Representative; Kathleen Vinehout, State Senator; Pat Kreitlow,  
42 State Senator; and Governor Jim Doyle.

SUBMITTED BY:  
Janna Caspersen, United Council Delegation Leader  
and On-Campus Senator  
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