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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN OPPOSITION TO THE BREAKAWAY OF UW-MADISON FROM THE
REST OF THE UW SYSTEM

1 WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin was founded by the
2 Wisconsin State Constitution in 1848; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1911 the state legislature created other public
4 colleges, eventually becoming the Wisconsin State Colleges in
5 1951 and Wisconsin State Universities in 1964; and

6 WHEREAS, these two entities competed for private, state and
7 federal resources; and

8 WHEREAS, this competition was found to be costly for the
9 state of Wisconsin and its taxpayers; and

10 WHEREAS, the separate bureaucracies were found to be
11 inefficient; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1971 the state legislature joined these two
13 systems in a bipartisan fashion into one University of Wisconsin
14 System, being finalized in 1974; and

15 WHEREAS, this conjoined statute included the shared
16 governance powers that faculty, academic staff, and students now
17 enjoy; and

18 WHEREAS, the Chancellor of UW-Madison, Biddy Martin, is now
19 proposing the separation of UW-Madison from the remainder of the
20 UW System; and

21 WHEREAS, this proposal is expected to be included in the
22 Governor's proposed biennium budget; and

23 WHEREAS, the biennium budget is expected to be completed in
24 the next few months; and

25 WHEREAS, this timeline does not permit the careful study of
26 the severe ramifications of separating UW-Madison from the
27 University of Wisconsin System; and

28 WHEREAS, separating the two undoes decades of work done
29 within the UW Systems; and

30 WHEREAS, the separation would require the rewriting of
31 state statute and subject the shared governance statute to a
32 direct review; and

33 WHEREAS, the separation could restore the competition
34 between state agencies, costing more to the state taxpayers; and

35 WHEREAS, the separation would undo the current UW System,
36 potentially removing all current Regent policies and procedures
37 which regulate and protect the shared governance and due process
38 rights of students; and

39 WHEREAS, while these policies may come back eventually
40 under the new system, in the interim they may be ignored; and

41 WHEREAS, this would include the erasure of Regent Policy
42 30-4 which establishes the funding source to United Council of
43 UW Students, the statewide student association; and

44 WHEREAS, UW-Madison would suffer as it would no longer have
45 the legislative support of representatives who are in other UW's
46 districts; and

47 WHEREAS, the other campuses would suffer for no longer
48 being associated with the prestige of the University of
49 Wisconsin-Madison; and

50 WHEREAS, this could potentially affect transfer policies
51 between UW Schools which is currently regulated by UW System;
52 and

53 WHEREAS, the seeking of flexibilities within UW System is
54 prudent, seeking to break it apart is not; and

55 WHEREAS, the President of the UW System has already called
56 publicly for flexibilities for member campuses, making
57 separation unnecessary; and

58 WHEREAS, the duly-elected student board of United Council,
59 the statewide student association, has voted to condemn the
60 split up of the UW System; and

61 WHEREAS, even if the separation of the University of
62 Wisconsin-Madison had merit, it should only come with much

63 discussion and study, not through a four month biennium budget
64 process;

65 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate of the
66 University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, as the statutory
67 representatives of over 11,000 students, sternly opposes the
68 proposal to split UW-Madison from the UW System;

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate calls for
70 the removal of the proposal from the state's biennium budget;
71 and

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate urges all
73 Chancellors, the Board of Regents, and the UW System to oppose
74 this split; and

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate urges United
76 Council staff to lobby against this proposal at the State
77 Capitol; and

78 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate calls on all
79 other UW student governments to pass legislation against this
80 measure and forward it to state government officials that
81 represent their campus, as well as members of the Joint
82 Committee on Finance, the Assembly Colleges and Universities
83 Committee and the Senate Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher
84 Education Committee; and

85 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Jambrek
86 transmit copies of this resolution to all UW Chancellors and
87 Interim Chancellors; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice
88 Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs;
89 Dr. Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dave Gessner, Assistant
90 Chancellor, Budget and Finance; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair,
91 University Senate; Mike Rindo, Executive Director, University
92 Communication; all UW Student Representatives; Dr. Kevin Reilly,
93 UW System President; Charles Pruitt, UW System Board of Regents
94 President; Nicole Juan, Executive Director, United Council;
95 Michael Moscicke, Government Relations Director, United Council;
96 Erika Wolf, Advocacy Field Organizer, United Council; Todd
97 Nordgren, Field Director, United Council; Kirk Cychosz,
98 President, United Council; Janna Caspersen, Vice President,
99 United Council; Maxwell Love, Secretary, United Council; Scott
100 Walker, Governor of Wisconsin; Representative Warren Petryk;
101 Senator Kathleen Vinehout; Senator Alberta Darling; Senator
102 Luther Olsen; Senator Sheila Harsdorf; Senator Joe Leibham;
103 Senator Glenn Grothman; Senator Randy Hopper; Senator Lena
104 Taylor; Senator Robert Jauch; Representative Robin Vos;
105 Representative Dan Meyer; Representative Dan LeMahieu;
106 Representative John Nygren; Representative Pat Strachota;
107 Representative Joel Kleefisch; Representative Tamara Grigsby;

108 Representative Jennifer Shilling; Senator Dan Kapanke;
109 Representative Steve Nass; Representative Dean Knudson;
110 Representative Joan Ballweg; Representative Donald Pridemore;
111 Representative Daniel Knodl; Representative Paul Farrow;
112 Representative Evan Wynn; Representative Barbara Toles;
113 Representative Terese Berceau; Representative Louis Molepske,
114 Jr.; Representative Gordon Hintz; Senator Neal Kedzie; Senator
115 Terry Moulton, Senator Dave Hansen; Senator Jim Holperin; and
116 Representative Kathy Bernier.

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