WHEREAS, on February 3, 2015, Governor Scott Walker proposed
his 2015-2017 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Budget includes a public authority
model for the UW System; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Budget also includes $300 million in
cuts to the UW System; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Budget would change the funding of the
UW System by dedicating sales tax revenue to the system; and

WHEREAS, the proposed public authority model would create a
more flexible and autonomous UW System allowing campuses to better
control their futures; and

WHEREAS, the proposed public authority model would allow UW-
Eau Claire to respond to changes in higher education while staying
competitive, financially and academically, in the Upper Midwest;
and

WHEREAS, it is crucial for the UW System to have the resources
to successfully survive during this transition; and
WHEREAS, the UW system and UW-Eau Claire are dedicated to providing students with an excellent education; and

WHEREAS, a reduction to the proposed cut is imperative to continuing this dedication to excellence;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the UW–Eau Claire Student Senate supports reducing the size of the proposed 2015–2017 UW System budget cut; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate will continue to work with legislators and university administrators through reasoned and productive discourse to reduce the size of the cut; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate will educate students about the impact of the proposed cut and empower them to participate in the political dialogue; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Joseph Abhold, Dean of Students; Mitch Freymiller, Chair, University Senate; Dr. Martin Hanifin, Vice Chancellor, Administration & Finance; Mike Rindo, Assistant Chancellor for Facilities and University Relations; UW System President Ray Cross; Senator Kathleen Vinehout; Senator Terry Mouton; Senator Alberta Darling; Senator John Nygren; Senator Luther Olsen; Senator Sheila Harsdorf; Senator Mary Lazich;
Senator Jennifer Shilling; Senator Richard Gudex; Senator Scott Fitzgerald; Representative Dale Kooyenga; Representative Warren Petryk; Representative Dana Wachs; Speaker Robin Vos; and Governor Scott Walker.

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