1. Whereas the UW-Madison Faculty Senate consists of 220 members, elected by their 2,200 colleagues.

2. Whereas the UW-Madison Faculty Senate met on May 2, 2016 to consider a motion of no confidence in UW System President Raymond Cross and the UW System Board of Regents.

3. Whereas the motion introduced at the UW-Madison Faculty Senate meeting condemned the weakening of tenure protections by the Board of Regents at its March meeting.

4. Whereas the motion introduced at the UW-Madison Faculty Senate meeting condemned the rejection of UW-Madison’s proposed tenure policies at the Board of Regents April meeting.

5. Whereas the motion introduced at the UW-Madison Faculty Senate meeting expressed a lack of confidence in President Cross for opposing strong tenure polices at the March and April meetings.

6. Whereas the motion introduced at the UW-Madison Faculty Senate meeting expressed a lack of confidence in President Cross and the Board of Regents for not leading a statewide fight against the budget cuts in Act 55.

7. Whereas the motion introduced at the UW-Madison Faculty Senate meeting expressed a lack of confidence in President Cross and the Board of Regents for weakening shared governance in the UW System.

8. Whereas members of the UW-Madison Faculty Senate adopted amendments to the motion to state that the education of students in the UW System was imperiled by the Act 55 budget cuts and the weakening of tenure.

9. Whereas the UW-Madison Faculty Senate passed the amended motion at its May 2nd meeting.

10. Whereas the quality of education received by students at UW-Eau Claire has been jeopardized by the budget, tenure, and shared governance policies enacted with the complicity of President Cross and the Board of Regents.

11. It is hereby RESOLVED that the actions of President Raymond Cross and the Board of Regents give the UW-Eau Claire University Senate no confidence in their commitment to defending the Wisconsin Idea, extending the benefits of the University to every citizen in the state.
12. It is further RESOLVED that the UW-Eau Claire University Senate calls on System President Raymond Cross and the Board of Regents to recommit themselves to the Wisconsin Idea by carrying out their responsibilities and working with us to strengthen the quality of our state universities, in particular by working with the state legislature to make a positive case for improved access, affordability, and educational resources for our students; for additional support for scholarship and its associated economic benefits; for greater resources for outreach and services to citizens of the State; and by truly respecting, advancing, and participating in shared governance at the UW System.