Communication from an Official Governance Unit

Joint Resolution

by the

Milwaukee Graduate Assistant Association

and the

UW-Milwaukee Faculty

(Issued on behalf of the Faculty Senate by the University Committee)

March 9, 2011

Whereas graduate assistants on campus face the elimination of their collective bargaining rights if the Budget Repair bill (SB11JR1) is enacted;

And whereas the Faculty Senate on February 17, 2011 unanimously approved a resolution that “expresses its support for the low wage campus employees, that is, the graduate students, clerical, and janitorial workers, and abhors the draconian standards that they have to endure.”;

And whereas it further urged “removal of the collective bargaining component from the Governor's proposed ‘Budget Repair Bill’”.

Therefore, be it resolved that the UW-Milwaukee faculty and graduate assistants jointly ask Interim Chancellor Lovell, UW-System President Reilly, and the Board of Regents to publicly oppose the removal of collective bargaining rights for campus employees. Retention of bargaining rights and continued support for UW-Milwaukee’s upward momentum are vital to the future of Southeastern Wisconsin and the entire State.

University Committee (Executive Committee of the UW-Milwaukee Faculty Senate)

Executive Committee, Milwaukee Graduate Assistants Association