Restoring Shared Governance in UW System

WHEREAS, the practice of shared governance has long been the tradition of policy formulation in the University of Wisconsin System.

WHEREAS, shared governance was instituted by Wisconsin State Statute 36.09.05.

WHEREAS, in 2015 modifications were made by the State Legislature to alter provisions within University of Wisconsin System shared governance policy.

WHEREAS, the previous policy read, "The students of each institution or campus subject to the responsibilities and powers of the board, the president, the chancellor and the faculty shall be active participants in the immediate governance of and policy development for such institutions. As such, students shall have primary responsibility for the formulation and review of policies concerning student life, services and interests. Students in consultation with the chancellor and subject to the final confirmation of the board shall have the responsibility for the disposition of those student fees which constitute substantial support for campus student activities. The students of each institution or campus shall have the right to organize themselves in a manner they determine and to select their representatives to participate in institutional governance."

WHEREAS, the current policy reads, "The students of each institution or campus subject to the responsibilities and powers of the board, the president, the chancellor, and the faculty shall have primary responsibility for advising the chancellor regarding the formulation and review of policies concerning student life, services, and interests. Students in consultation with the chancellor and subject to the final confirmation of the board shall have the responsibility for the disposition of those student fees which constitute substantial support for campus student activities. The students of each institution or campus shall have the right to organize themselves in a manner they determine and to select their representatives to participate in institutional governance."

WHEREAS, restoring shared governance to its form prior to 2015 would allow students to have a greater say in decisions made regarding student life, services and interests.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; upon the passage of this resolution, the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee establishes its position and commits to advancing this cause; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the Student Association of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will advocate that these rights be restored in the upcoming State of Wisconsin legislative session.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the Student Association of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee calls on our fellow student governments to adopt similar resolutions supporting efforts to restore shared governance for students in the University of Wisconsin System.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; that this resolution be forwarded to Chancellor Mark Mone, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs James Hill, Dean of Students Timothy Gordon, Faculty Senate President John Boyland, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Affairs Robin Van Harpen and UW System Student Representatives Leadership.
Legislative History

December, 2, 2016 – Introduced by Vice President of Student Affairs Trevor Jung. Cosponsored by Senator Dakota Crowell.