Preserving Student Voice in Segregated Fees

1 WHEREAS, student voice is critical to representing students and advocating for college affordability.

2 WHEREAS, the Student Association (SA) at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) utilizes a process of determining allocable segregated fee rates to fund vital campus services and programs.

3 WHEREAS, those services and programs impact recruitment, retention and student life at UWM.

4 WHEREAS, the Student Finance Committee has taken appropriate action to reduce the cost of college by reducing the allocable segregated fee both in FY16-17 and FY17-18 SA budgets.

5 WHEREAS, even with the prudent financial behavior of student governments like the UWM SA, Governor Walker’s biennial budget proposal would allow students to opt-out of paying allocable segregated fees under the auspices of college affordability.

6 WHEREAS, Governor Walker’s biennial budget announcement regarding allocable segregated fees reads, “Allow UW students to opt-out of allocable segregated fees. Allocable fees do not go towards long-term commitments or ongoing operational costs of university owned and controlled buildings. They provide support for campus student activities and services that are allocated by campus student government and university chancellors. Allowing an opt-out helps students make the decisions on what they do and do not want to fund.”

7 WHEREAS, UWM is taking appropriate action to preserve vital campus services that are currently funded through the allocable segregated fee process based upon the Division of Student Affairs Allocable Segregated Fees Recommendation.

8 WHEREAS, many programs currently funded by allocable segregated fees will be funded with general-purpose revenue or non-allocable segregated fees, where student representation is not as prevalent in decision-making.

9 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That UWM SA recommends that the UWM administration along with student stakeholders develop a similar process that mirrors the current allocable segregated fee process in allocating both non-allocable and general purpose revenue for programs currently being changed from allocable funded services and programs.

10 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That this developed system then be applied when allocating student dollars to these services and programs.

11 THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; That this resolution be forwarded to the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Vice Chancellor of Financial and Administrative Affairs, Dean of Students, etc.
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