Panther Union Reinvestment (PUR) Project Resolution

1. **WHEREAS**, the students are given the primary responsibility and right to manage and regulate their fees in accordance to state statute 36.09(5) (Artifact III).

2. **WHEREAS**, the primary responsibility means that students have the obligation and authority to initiate policies concerning student life, services, and interests, and to review existing and proposed policies in these areas before they are amended or adopted by the other constituencies of the university. Where approval of such policies rests with the faculty or administration, the basis for changing or denying the student recommendations shall be substantial and shall be communicated to the recommending student agency in a timely manner (Artifact IV).

3. **WHEREAS**, students should be given an opportunity to review and offer advice upon the budget of each program and activity that is funded primarily with non-allocable segregated university fees (SUF) (Artifact I).

4. **WHEREAS**, the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee is an access institution and any segregated fee increases should be examined carefully with extensive deliberation.

5. **WHEREAS**, $75/semester fee generates $3.028 million dollars annually, which would generate approximately $60 million dollars over a 20-year period.

6. **WHEREAS**, any proposed major remodeling or major new construction project as defined by section 20.924(1) (a) Wisconsin Statutes that will increase the non-allocable portion of the segregated university fee (SUF) on any campus shall be reviewed by the Chancellor with appropriate student representation (Artifact II).

7. **WHEREAS**, a referendum in 2018 to establish an increased fee, from $75 to $199, to build a new union was denied by the student body. This referendum lost with a support of only 35% of the student body (18,460 votes).

8. **WHEREAS**, the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee administration have agreed to explore fundable ideas for the reinvestment project.
WHEREAS, the Student Association Senate passed legislation (SB1819-022) that no longer provided support for the “Student Union Capital Project” fee due to the lack of documentation and Student Association representation in its subsequent increases.

WHEREAS, a reason for not trying to increase operating revenue, by charging Restaurant Operations a greater amount to use the Union space, is that Restaurant Operations is operating primarily at a deficit (Artifact XII). Moreover, the deficit is being subsidized by the residential student fees (meal plans).

WHEREAS, Administration and the Senate Finance Committee (SFC) have been consulted on the stipulations and legislation. Subsequently, SFC has shown approval and passed this legislation on March 14, 2019.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; the Student Association adopts the Panther Union Reinvestment (PUR) capital project fee, with the expectation that all recommendation to other segregated fees and stipulations to the capital project fee will be met.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the stipulations that must be met for the Panther Union Reinvestment (PUR) project to receive support from the student body are:

1. The PUR Project fee shall begin in fiscal year 2020 (FY20) at a rate of $75/semester.
2. The PUR project fee shall never exceed $75/semester.
3. The PUR project leaders shall give an update on progress of the project to the entire Student Association Senate annually in the Fall.
4. If bonding is received from the state, the PUR Project fee may not continue for more than 20 fiscal years past the bonds issuing year.
5. The PUR Project fee shall attempt to provide 94% of the total project cost plus interest. Union operating revenue and donations/gifts/grants shall attempt to cover the other 6% (Artifact X).
6. Changes to these stipulations must abide by the policy set forth in Regent Document [30-5], and Regent Document [30-3], where the primary responsibility of SFC is to review amendments to the fee stipulations. Furthermore “the basis for changing or denying the students recommendation shall be substantial.”
7. Any PUR Project committee and/or Union project committee must have, at a minimum, 33% student representation.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the Student Association suggests that increasing the Union operating revenue be an important piece in the reconstruction and/or renovation process.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Student Union, the office of Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, the office of the Chancellor, the UW Board of Regents, and the impacted University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee students.
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**Legislative History**

March 6th, 2019 – Introduced by Senator Will Paltz.
March 14th, 2019 – Passed by Senate Finance Committee.
March 24th, 2019 – Considered by the Student Association Senate