

University of Wisconsin-Parkside (UWP) Faculty Senate

Proposed Changes in the Structure and Budget of the University of Wisconsin

RESOLUTION

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside Faculty Senate strongly opposes the governor's attempts to dismantle a 100+-year tradition of accessible public education for all Wisconsin citizens.

Whereas the governor proposes a massive, unprecedented budget cut of \$300 million from the UW System's budget, and

Whereas the governor proposes to restructure the UW System by removing the UW System from State statute (Chapter 36) and situating it under the "public authority" of a governor-appointed Board of Regents (Chapter 37), and

Whereas UW Parkside, which due to its smaller size and having one of the highest percentage of first-generation college students from working families, is particularly vulnerable, and

Whereas the size of the proposed budget cuts cannot be absorbed without resorting to sizable layoffs, which will adversely affect the quality of education provided to our students, and

Whereas UW-Parkside enriches the local communities in immeasurable ways by providing businesses with educated employees, increasing career opportunities for alumni, and providing cultural experiences for local citizens,

Be it therefore resolved that we, the UW-Parkside Faculty Senate, express our steadfast opposition to the proposed \$300 million dollar cut to the UW System budget and our profound concern that such a cut will dismantle a 100+-year tradition of accessible, high quality public education for all Wisconsin citizens.