

REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: *University Senate Executive Committee*

Brief History of Issue—why the issue is being considered:

1. This is our response to the University of Milwaukee Faculty Senate's Resolution regarding the budget cut and public authority proposal

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Concern about the idea of arguing public authority as we should only focus on the budget cut(s)
2. UW system is on our side and they are arguing on our behalf
3. We are concerned about the whole budget cut, not just the potential budget cut at UWEC
4. We do not know what our cut is until the budget actually passes and System apportions the cut
5. These cuts are going to cause damage and it will affect the primary mission of the University of Wisconsin

Pros of Recommendation:

1. We go on record in opposition to the proposed budget cut to UW System
2. We affirm our mission to support our students and the State of Wisconsin
3. We affirm our support for the Wisconsin IDEA
4. We affirm our commitment to shared governance and tenure

Cons of Recommendation:

1. None

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

1. None

Committee Recommendation: That the following language be approved: "Whereas the proposed \$300 million dollar budget reduction to the UW-System would irreparably damage the quality of the education we provide and our ability to serve our students, the citizens of Wisconsin, and the state economy, be it resolved the UW-Eau Claire University Senate wishes to voice their unequivocal opposition to this unprecedented cut. We also reaffirm our commitment to the Wisconsin Idea and to shared governance and tenure as essential to the existence of the University of Wisconsin System."

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Executive Committee,

by a vote of 12 in favor and 0 against on February 17, 2015

Recommends that the following Resolution be approved and forwarded to:

UW System President Ray Cross; Board of Regents President Michael Falbo Senator Kathleen Vinehout; Senator Terry Moulton; Senator Alberta Darling; Senator John Nygren; Senator Luther Olsen; Senator Sheila Harsdorf; Senator Mary Lazich; Senator Jennifer Shilling; Senator Richard Gudex; Senator Scott Fitzgerald; Representative Dale Kooyenga; Representative Warren Petryk; Representative Dana Wachs; Speaker Robin Vos; and Governor Scott Walker

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Implementation Date: Immediate

Signed: _____ *Mitch Freymiller* _____
Chair of the University Senate