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SA1516-014: Resolution to Reaffirm Student’s Religious Rights in Academics

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WHEREAS; Wisconsin State Statute 22.01 outlines the Board of Regent’s Accommodation of Religious Beliefs;

WHEREAS; It is the Board of Regent’s policy that students’ sincerely held religious beliefs “shall be reasonably accommodated with respect to all examinations and other academic requirements”;

WHEREAS; Statute 22.03(1)(b) states that students “shall be permitted to make up an examination or other academic requirement at another time” if there is a scheduling conflict between an exam and/or an academic event and the student’s religious beliefs;

WHEREAS; Statute 22.03(3) states, “Instructors shall accept, at face value, the sincerity of students’ religious beliefs”;

WHEREAS; Statute 22.03(4) states, “Student notification of instructors and requests for relief... shall be kept confidential”;

WHEREAS; The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is increasingly accepting students with more diverse backgrounds and religious beliefs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; Instructors shall briefly indicate in their syllabi the students’ right to have their sincerely held religious beliefs reasonably accommodated with respect to all examinations and other academic requirements;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Faculty Senate as well as Provost Betsy Morgan for consideration.

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Molly Davies
President, Student Senate
Vice-President, Student Association

10-28-2015

Date

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