

## SA1516-024: Resolution Urging the State of Wisconsin to Ban Private Contracting Firms and their Employees from Bringing or Displaying the Confederate Flag on UW Campuses

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WHEREAS; On 11/13/15 a confederate flag was displayed on the UW-L campus attached to a truck belonging to an employee of the private contracting firm who is currently constructing the new student center;

WHEREAS; UW-L does not have the authority to remove the flag themselves because the contracting firm is employed by the state and not the university;

WHEREAS; The confederate flag is a symbol that represents hate and bias toward multiple marginalized groups and students have expressed concern for their safety and peace of mind because of its presence on campus;

WHEREAS; The UW-L Student Association will not tolerate the confederate flag being brought onto or displayed on campus by private contracting firms;

WHEREAS; The administration of UW-L is also deeply upset by this symbol being displayed on campus and has expressed their intent to have it removed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; The University of Wisconsin- La Crosse Student Association urges the Wisconsin Department of Administration Division of Facilities Development and the Wisconsin State Legislature to ban private contracting firms and their employees working on UW system building projects from bringing or displaying confederate flags on UW campuses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; Upon its passing, a copy of this resolution is to be sent to Scott Neitzel (Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration), Summer Strand (Administrator of the Wisconsin Department of Administration Division of Facilities Development) Robin Vos (Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly), Peter Barca (Minority Leader of the Wisconsin State Assembly), Scott Fitzgerald (Majority Leader of the Wisconsin State Senate), and Jennifer Schilling (Minority Leader of the Wisconsin State Senate).

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