



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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SA1516-055: Resolution Supporting Closed Captioning in Classes

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WHEREAS; The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse currently does not require all media used for academic courses to be accessible to all individuals; and

WHEREAS; The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability and states that “No qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity (28 CFR Part 35, Subpart B 35.130 (a));” and

WHEREAS; the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents Policy Document 14-10 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability stating that “No otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall be denied access to or participation in any program, service, activity, or employment opportunity offered by the UW System or its institutions;” and

WHEREAS; any student admitted to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse can be classified as an “otherwise qualified individual;” and

WHEREAS; studies have shown that closed captioning of video content improves on retention and comprehension of material for all students, some by more than double; and

WHEREAS; captioning supports the learning of diverse groups including Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing students, students with other challenges that impact their learning such as attention or auditory processing disorders, and second-language learners; and

WHEREAS; captioning is beneficial for students in noisy class environments, assists with note-taking, and ensures that audio that is difficult to hear or has strong accents is understood by students; and

WHEREAS; equal access to course media content is only accomplished when a student has full access to the content of classroom media without having to request it,

Whereas; The University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater already have this as a requirement.

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

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Student Association requests that all media used for academic courses, in person and online, be required to have captions and that captions be turned on at all times as a means of improving the education of all students without compromising the course objectives or learning outcomes.

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