

## UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## SA1617-021: Resolution to Advocate for Hmong Learning Opportunities on Campus

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WHEREAS; MLG 204 and 304 will not be offered during the Spring 2017 semester;

WHEREAS; These classes were cancelled before enrollment which did not allow the students to express their interest in the classes;

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to the third largest population of Hmong people in the nation, with the population of Hmong people growing by at least 46% since 2000, and La Crosse having one of the largest concentration of the population in the state;

WHEREAS; Language is the most important indicator of culture and identity of the 250 Hmong students on campus;

WHEREAS; On the Diversity and Inclusion page of the University's website states that "Through the implementation of Inclusive Excellence, UW-La Crosse pledges to continue to commit human and financial resources that support an inclusive campus that attracts and retains diverse students, faculty and staff and promotes a dynamic learning environment vital for academic excellence and global citizenship;"

WHEREAS; The decision to not offer these Hmong language courses for native speakers does not implement Inclusive Excellence;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; Student Senate fully supports indigenous Hmong language and cultural learning opportunities on the campus of UW-La Crosse and stands in solidarity with the students in advocating to reinstate these classes to promote diversity, equity, and inclusive excellence on campus.

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