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**SA1718-033: Resolution to Recommend Admissions Not to Hold Protesting Gun Violence Against an Applicant**

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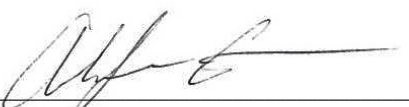
WHEREAS, Yale University, Boston University, University of Virginia, Tulane University, Dartmouth College, George Washington University, Brown University, Northeastern University and many others have already vowed not to be biased against applicants and accepted students for any penalty they are given for walking out of school to attend a protest;

WHEREAS, a national movement referred to as Never Again and March for Our Lives is advocating for high school students to leave school to protest gun violence;

WHEREAS, students may face penalties such as suspension or detention from their high school for leaving class to protest which will likely be known by Admissions Staff;

WHEREAS, students have a right to feel safe in their learning environment;

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin Systems Mission Statement reads “Each institution of the University of Wisconsin System shares in the mission of the System. The mission of this System is to develop human resources; to discover and disseminate knowledge; to extend knowledge and its application beyond the boundaries of its campuses; and to serve and stimulate society by developing in students heightened intellectual, cultural, and humane sensitivities, scientific, professional, and technological expertise, and a sense of value and purpose. Inherent in this mission are methods of instruction, research, extended education, and public service designed to educate people and improve the human condition. Basic to every purpose of the System is the search for truth.”;

  
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WHEREAS, students who chose to protest gun violence are working to “disseminate knowledge” and to “serve and stimulate society” which is in line with the University of Wisconsin Systems Mission;

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse’s Strategic Plan includes a goal of “Integrate community engagement into UWL policies and procedures”;

WHEREAS, protesting is a form of community engagement;

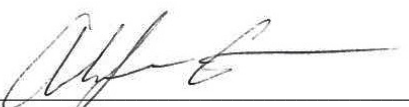
WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin La Crosse’s Admissions Department should create policies that are in line with the campus’ Strategic Plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse recommends that our university does not have penalties related to leaving school to attend a peaceful protest pertaining to gun violence lead to bias against an applicant or accepted student;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse recommends the Admissions department reviews their policies to ensure applicants and accepted students can protest without having it affect their admissions status;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse recommends the Admissions department put out a public statement that lets applicants and accepted students know if penalties relating to protesting gun violence will affect their admissions status;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution will be sent to Vice Chancellor Barbara Stewart, Vice Chancellor Vitaliano Figueroa, Faculty Senate, and Director of Admission Corey Sjoquist.

  
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