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SA1819-040: Resolution in Support of Governor Evers's Budget Proposal for UW System

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WHEREAS Governor Evers has proposed a total increase in investment in the UW System of about \$150 million; and

WHEREAS this includes a 2% pay plan increase for UW System employees in each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS UW System employees are consistently underpaid and Universities in Wisconsin are substantially behind the CUPA median; and

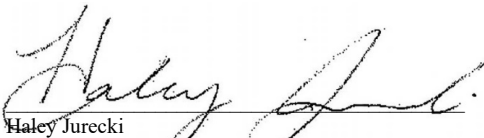
WHEREAS the budget provides a \$45 million increase in Capacity Building Initiatives over the biennium; and

WHEREAS this would allow each campus to address their individual needs and grow in their selected areas; and


WHEREAS the budget continues the freeze of undergraduate resident tuition along with allocating \$50.4 million to fund the freeze; and

WHEREAS the tuition freeze helps students afford college and funding the freeze ensures that the University can function properly without more tuition dollars; and

WHEREAS the budget provides \$3.5 million and 20 FTE for UW-Extension County Agriculture Representatives; and


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WHEREAS UW-Extension provides beneficial services and research to residents across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS the budget allocates an additional \$17.4 million for need-based grants to resident undergraduate students; and

WHEREAS this additional \$17.4 million will assist resident undergraduates who cannot afford college; and

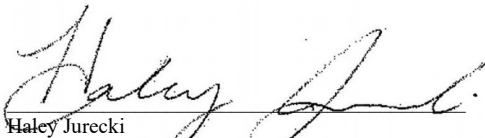
WHEREAS Governor Evers has also proposed a \$50,000 Student Loan Refinancing Authority Study as part of his budget; and

WHEREAS UWL Student Association has advocated for a state student loan refinancing authority all year; and


WHEREAS Governor Evers would also allow undocumented residents attending UW System schools to pay resident tuition;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UWL Student Senate supports the overall \$150 million increase in investment in the UW system, the 2% pay plan increase, the continuation of the tuition freeze and the \$50.4 million allocated to fund the freeze, the \$3.5 million and 20 FTE for the UW-Extension County Agriculture Representatives, the additional \$17.4 million for need-based grants, and the \$50,000 Student Loan Refinancing Authority Study, and allow undocumented residents attending UW System Schools to pay resident tuition; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the passage of this resolution, it be sent to the offices of Governor Tony Evers, UW System President Ray Cross, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, Senate Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling, Speaker Robin Vos, and all members of the Joint Finance Committee.


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