SA0910-037: Resolution Clarifying the Cost Increases of the Academic Initiatives Program

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WHEREAS; University of Wisconsin - La Crosse Student Association (UWLSA) seeks to provide an effective means by which we may enumerate the powers of the UWLSA, to promote and protect a consummate college experience, to engage in the governance of the University as granted in §36.09(5) of the Wisconsin State Statutes; and,

WHEREAS; the Academic Initiatives Differential Tuition program was created and then approved by the UW-System Board of Regents in the 2003-2004 academic year; and,

WHEREAS; the Board of Regents must review all differential tuition programs every five years; and,

WHEREAS; the Academic Initiatives Differential Tuition program is up for reauthorization by the UW-System Board of Regents at their February meeting; and,

WHEREAS; on November 18th, 2009, 3,462 UW-L students voted in a referendum regarding the Academic Initiatives fee and supported programs, and;

WHEREAS; the first question asked students: “Do you support funding the Academic Initiative program at the level needed to sustain its current services and programs through differential tuition as previously stated?” and,

WHEREAS; 81.6 percent of students voting answered "yes" to this question; and,

WHEREAS; the second question asked students: “Do you support funding the enhanced and expanded programs to the Academic Initiative program as previously proposed at a cost of no more than an additional $7.50 per semester or $15 per year?” and,

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WHEREAS; 71.3 percent of students voting answered "yes" to the second question; and,

WHEREAS; the Board of Regents have received the results of this referendum and have requested approval for the five year differential tuition model; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the UW-L Student Association supports the continuation of the Academic Initiatives Program and funding as outlined in the attached Academic Initiatives Differential Tuition Model; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to University of Wisconsin System President Kevin Reilly, University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Chancellor Joe Gow, and any other individuals deemed appropriate.