SA0910-044: Resolution Recommending Changes to Board of Regents Policies on Differential Tuition

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WHEREAS; the Blugold Commitment is an initiative to increase differential tuition for University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire students; and,

WHEREAS; a survey of UW-Eau Claire students found that 69% did not support the Blugold Commitment proposal; and,

WHEREAS; on December 7, 2009, after the survey results were reported, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate approved an amended version of the proposal by a vote of 17-15; and,

WHEREAS; UW-Eau Claire Student Senate President Michael Umhoefer and Chancellor Brian Levin-Stankevich submitted the proposal to the Board of Regents on February 4, 2010; and,

WHEREAS; on February 5, 2010, the UW System Board of Regents voted 14-2 in support of the UW-Eau Claire Blugold Commitment differential tuition proposal; and,

WHEREAS; as per UW System Regent Policy 32.7 on Student Involvement in Differential Tuition Initiatives, “Student approval is not a requirement for the initiative to be forwarded to the Board of Regents;” and,

WHEREAS; passage of the Blugold Commitment sets a precedent that student consent is unnecessary for future differential tuition proposals; and,

WHEREAS; Regent Policy 32.7 also states, “A formal consultation process for student input for these tuition proposals does not exist;” and,

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Student Association strongly recommends that the UW-System Board of Regents amend Regent Policy 32.7 on Student Involvement in Differential Tuition Initiatives to require approval via formal student referendum of differential tuition proposals prior to being forwarded to the Board of Regents; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; this resolution is to be sent to the Board of Regents, UW-System President Kevin Reilly and any others deemed appropriate.

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