SA 0910-024: Resolution Supporting the Academic Initiative Referendum

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WHEREAS; UWLSA seeks to provide an effective means by which we may enumerate the powers of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Student Association, 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 Academic Initiatives Differential Tuition program is up for reauthorization by the UW-System Board of Regents at the February Board of Regents meeting; and,

WHEREAS; Chancellor Gow requested a referendum by UWLSA to determine student support for continuation and enhancement of the Academic Initiative program; and,

WHEREAS; the UWLSA conducted a special referendum online on November 18th 2009 from the hours of 7am through 7pm; 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; the first question yielded 2923 Yes votes and 539 No votes; 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 \textbf{no more than} an additional $7.50 per semester or $15 per year?” and,

WHEREAS; the second question yielded 2684 Yes votes and 770 No votes; and,

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THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; that the UW-La Crosse Student Senate supports the reauthorization and enhancement of the current Academic Initiative Differential Tuition program.