

University of Wisconsin – Green Bay

## Student Government Association

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### **Resolution in support of Wisconsin Legislators encouraging reasonable and predictable tuition increases that will help preserve the program quality at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and other Universities within the University of Wisconsin-System.**

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**ABSTRACT:** The Students of the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay and the greater University of Wisconsin System acknowledge the difficult situation the state faces, and are prepared to take our share of the financial burden through reasonable and predictable tuition increases.

Therefore, we call upon the legislature of the State of Wisconsin to consider raising tuition to preserve the quality education the students across the University of Wisconsin-System and specifically the students of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay receive.

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WHEREAS: Within Governor Jim Doyle's 2009-11 biennial budget proposal, the University of Wisconsin System may be asked to absorb \$174 million in cuts statewide,

WHEREAS: The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay will be asked to absorb \$3.8 million of the total system-wide cut over the course of the biennium.

WHEREAS: \$2.6 million dollars of UW-Green Bay's \$3.8 will be absorbed in the first year by the University's contingency money, depleting the contingency reserves,

WHEREAS: There will be no more reserved funds to absorb the remaining \$1.2 million dollars for the second year of the biennium, and other sources of revenue will need to be considered,

WHEREAS: Although tuition increases are difficult for the students of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and their families, we realize that everyone needs to take his or her share of the burden, and we are ready and prepared to do so.

WHEREAS: Without any tuition increase, we understand that programs will be devastated, faculty and staff will be laid off, and students will not be able to get classes they need to graduate.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The students of UW-Green recognize the current economic environment, and are willing to bear our share of the financial burden this biennium.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** We support reasonable and predictable tuition increases that will help preserve the program quality at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay Student Government Association officially support the sentiments expressed here pertaining to the currently proposed Wisconsin State 2009-'11 biennium budget and authorize the Executive Branch of the UW-Green Bay Student Government Association to take action to that end,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Chancellor David Ward, Provost William Laatsch, Faculty Senate Chair Illene Noppe, the Student Governance groups of the UW System, the United Council of UW Students, and all recipients of the aforementioned letter, with the intent that each party will analyze the issue and consider taking an official stance as they see fit, whether it be through this document or by another means.