
As Adopted by the Faculty Senate at its Meeting on 7 November 2011
**FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING
FOR EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN**

Background

Given the grave concern being expressed by the UW-Madison faculty and staff regarding the governor's and legislature's recently announced budget lapses for the University of Wisconsin System, which are disproportionately large in contrast to the university's share of the state budget and the adverse impacts that the lapse will have on the university and its students, the University Committee offers the following resolution for the senate's consideration.

WHEREAS the governor's and the legislature's repeated cuts of funding for education in Wisconsin have had detrimental effects on access to and the quality of education at all levels in the state; and

WHEREAS the governor and the legislature have repeatedly reduced funding to higher education disproportionate to funding for other state agencies; and

WHEREAS the most recent cut of higher education funding in the form of a budget lapse further undermines the university's ability to fulfill its mission;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison calls on the governor and the legislature of the state of Wisconsin to reduce the budget lapse to a level proportional to the University of Wisconsin System's share of the state budget, and that the governor and the legislature make a commitment to restore and strengthen the state's historic investment in education, which serves as a cornerstone for building a healthy economy, with well-paying jobs, and an educated populace.