



Resolution on Budget Reductions

WHEREAS UW-Whitewater has experienced declining enrollment since the academic year 2016-17 culminating in a significant decline in Fall 2019, causing a decrease in tuition revenue of approximately \$11 million since 2016;

WHEREAS UW-Whitewater's in-state undergraduate tuition, which is the major source of revenue, has been frozen since 2012;

WHEREAS since 2016 standard operational costs, such as utilities and supplies, have continued to rise and state pay plans have not been fully funded;

WHEREAS the funding formula from the University of Wisconsin System, which has not changed since the mid-1970s, results in UW-Whitewater receiving the least amount of money per student than any other UW campus;

WHEREAS the decrease in tuition and absence of additional revenue has necessitated the need for significant budget cuts prior to July 1, 2020;

WHEREAS Academic Staff at UW-Whitewater play a unique and critical role in supporting student success both in and out of the classroom;

WHEREAS UW-Whitewater's Academic Staff, both Instructional and Non-Instructional, are deeply committed and involved in teaching, learning, research and service across campus;

WHEREAS budgetary and communication decisions were made without UW-Whitewater's Academic Staff Assembly's involvement and participation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Staff Assembly of UW-Whitewater advises a nuanced approach to budget reductions in order to account for the unique situation of each program and/or department;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Academic Staff Assembly of UW-Whitewater advocates open and collaborative discussions with Shared Governance regarding the current budget situation including, but not limited to, the justification of metrics used to guide reduction and the prior assessment of the potential impacts of those metrics;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Academic Staff Assembly of UW-Whitewater supports open, transparent and collaborative discussions of all future budgets and budgetary planning with Shared Governance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Academic Staff Assembly of UW-Whitewater respectfully requests that position reductions, at any level and in any category, be considered only after all other budget reduction and revenue generation efforts have been demonstrated to be insufficient.

Action Date	12 February 2020			
Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Vote Detail	13 Aye	0 Nay	0 Abstain	1 Not Present