Faculty Resolution 1920-01

Faculty Resolution Regarding Solidarity with Academic Staff and Strategic Budget Reductions

The primary mission of higher education is to preserve and nurture the development of human knowledge. At UW-Whitewater, this mission is primarily achieved through offering high-quality comprehensive academic programs. The faculty, as experts in their respective fields, are charged with the primary responsibility of protecting, revising, and overseeing academic programs at UW-Whitewater.

Academic staff contribute significantly to student learning and to the academic mission of the university. Academic staff contribute immensely to the success of freshmen, students in historically under-supported programs, and minority students with whom they frequently have the most contact. Therefore, the loss of academic staff would cause serious harm to UW-Whitewater’s students and to the core academic mission of our university.

We, the faculty of UW-Whitewater, stand in solidarity with the academic staff, acknowledging their important contributions to the central academic mission of our university, to student success, and ultimately to UW-Whitewater’s success. We respectfully urge the Chancellor, the Interim Provost, and all UW-Whitewater senior administration to heed the faculty’s advice, as provided through shared governance, to pursue a strategy of budgetary reductions that simultaneously protects and prioritizes academic programs over non-academic aspects of the university. The administration in consultation with the faculty, should avoid or at least minimize budgetary cuts to academic programs and work to retain academic staff. We also urge the administration to seek budgetary reductions and efficiencies in non-academic areas, to reduce the negative impact on the primary academic mission of the university.

Passed unanimously by voice vote at the Spring All-Faculty Meeting (2/18/20)