

Resolution 2015-07

A resolution in support of significantly reducing the proposed budget cuts to the University of Wisconsin System.

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin System is currently known throughout the world for its high quality education for both traditional and non-traditional students; and

Whereas, University of Wisconsin campuses play an important role in educating Wisconsin citizens and, as a result, fostering economic development in the State, and

Whereas, University of Wisconsin campuses play a direct role in economic development of their communities through the work of faculty and staff, and

Whereas, local municipalities draw upon the expertise of faculty and staff for continuing education needs; and,

Whereas, local municipalities rely upon the expertise and ingenuity of student interns, and

Whereas, students rely on local municipalities for internship and career opportunities, and

Whereas, Allouez has benefited greatly from its local campus, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in these ways; and,

Whereas, severe budget cuts will inevitably result in less qualified faculty and, as a result, less prepared students; and,

Whereas, severe budget cuts will inevitably result in a reduction in the quality and quantity of services offered by the University of Wisconsin campuses; and,

Whereas, budget cuts will inevitably affect campuses differently and some campuses will not be able to absorb the cuts;

Whereas, state of Wisconsin funding for higher education has been cut over 70% since 1980, requiring a need for increased tuition charges to students; and,

Whereas, public higher education in Wisconsin has always been an exceptional value for Wisconsin residents; and,

Whereas, Wisconsin cut funding for higher education more than 20% since the recession started in 2008 and is one of only eight states not to begin to reinvest in higher education (and the only state in the upper Midwest); and,

Whereas, the continuation of a tuition freeze limits the ability of the University of Wisconsin System and its campuses to effectively manage their institutions; and

Whereas, funding cuts jeopardize both students' and states' economic futures; and,

Whereas, the UW System has long sought additional flexibilities to manage business enterprises in a more efficient and effective manner.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Allouez hereby opposes the proposed \$300+ million dollar cut to the University of Wisconsin System budget and recommends that the Wisconsin State Legislature significantly and substantially reduce the base funding cuts to the University of Wisconsin System for the 2015-2017 Biennial Budget.

Be it further resolved that the Allouez Village Board supports granting the University of Wisconsin System and its campuses flexibilities to more effectively and efficiently manage operations and serve the students and taxpayers of Wisconsin.

Be it further resolved that the Allouez Village Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution to local legislators, to Governor Walker, and to the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the VILLAGE BOARD of the VILLAGE OF ALLOUEZ, this 21st day of April, 2015.

Village President

Attest:

Village Clerk-Treasurer