RESOLUTION ON THE STATE'S BUDGET DEFICIT

WHEREAS, the predicted state budget deficit has caused the Governor to recommend to the legislature a substantial cut in the university's budget for 1986-87; and

WHEREAS, UWM and other UW campuses cannot provide the current levels of access, diversity and quality in our instructional programs with reduced resources; and

WHEREAS, diminished educational opportunities at UWM will adversely affect the lives of many of our fellow citizens as well as the economic and cultural health of its Milwaukee metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, cuts in UWM's research budgets will reduce the ability of our faculty to attract outside extramural grants and to contribute to finding solutions to pressing problems;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the UWM Faculty Senate urges the Wisconsin legislature to recognize the importance of the UW System by rejecting damaging budget cuts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any cuts in the University budget should be temporary and the level of base budget support should be maintained;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any cuts in the UW System and UWM budgets should fall primarily on non-academic functions and should be partially funded by tuition increases. The quality, diversity, and accessibility of instructional programs must be given the highest priority together with our research efforts.

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