Communication from an Official Governance Unit

Resolution from the Graduate Faculty Committee, February 21, 2011
Endorsed by the University Committee on February 22, 2011
(on behalf of the UW-Milwaukee Faculty Senate)

WHEREAS the Graduate Faculty Committee puts its full support behind the resolution passed by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Faculty Senate on February 17, 2011 regarding low wage campus employees, the “Budget Repair Bill,” and collective bargaining rights; and

WHEREAS the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, one of two doctoral-degree universities in the UW System, is charged by the state of Wisconsin with conducting graduate-level research, supporting graduate-level education, and contributing to the economic development of the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS the Graduate Faculty Committee of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is charged with representing the interests of the Graduate School at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee already receive salaries 28.7% below that of the median of our peer institutions such that hiring and retention of high quality faculty are already difficult; and

WHEREAS graduate student teaching, project, and research assistants receive stipends substantially lower on average than our peer institutions such that attracting and retaining high quality graduate students are already difficult;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin System publicize how the research and creative work of the faculty and graduate students of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee contribute to the economy and vibrancy of Milwaukee and Southeastern Wisconsin, the State of Wisconsin, and the nation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin System publicize how the “Budget Repair Bill” will damage the Masters and Doctoral programs and research and creative work at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and will therefore damage the economic and cultural development the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee contributes to Milwaukee and Southeastern Wisconsin, the State of Wisconsin, and the nation; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin System advocate for fair compensation for the faculty, staff, and graduate students of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.