

Resolution on proposed legislation to enable academic staff collective bargaining

Whereas, the Librarians' Assembly of the General Library System of the University of Wisconsin-Madison endorses the concept of legislation to enable collective bargaining; and

Whereas, the Librarians' Assembly also believes that employee groups should have the freedom to choose those other groups across the University of Wisconsin System with which they wish to affiliate for the purposes of collective bargaining; and

Whereas librarians at some UW System campuses have faculty appointments, while the majority of librarians at UW-Madison are members of the academic staff; and

Whereas any enabling legislation that does not allow staff groups to choose which other employee groups to join with for collective bargaining purposes would lead to severe inequities between librarian peers; and

Whereas the currently proposed enabling legislation mandates that academic staff and faculty cannot choose to join into the same unit for collective bargaining purposes; therefore

Be it resolved that the Librarians' Assembly of the General Library System of the University of Wisconsin-Madison opposes the currently proposed legislation enabling University of Wisconsin faculty and academic staff to choose whether to engage in collective bargaining.

Proposed at the Librarians' Assembly Business Meeting
March 15, 2007

Approved by the Librarians' Assembly Steering Committee
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