

**Resolution on the Governor's Budget Proposal
Relating to Faculty and Academic Staff Labor Relations**

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point 's (UWSP) Academic Staff Council (ASC), on behalf of our more than 300 ASC staff, by unanimous consent believe that our shared governance rights detailed in Wisconsin State Statue 36.09(4m) provides academic staff employees an opportunity to have a voice in determining policies, including those related to personnel, on campus and;

Whereas, Section 2681 of LRB – 1716/1, the language in Governor Doyle's budget bill to establish faculty and academic staff collective bargaining rights, is a policy item that deserves greater public scrutiny and debate outside of the budget process. The terms and conditions for the implementation of collective bargaining for faculty and staff should be debated by the legislature as stand alone legislation with ample time for public hearings and debate and;

Whereas, Section 2681 creates separate bargaining units for each faculty group on the 13 UW System four-year campuses and one for academic staff system-wide which could cause disparity and inequity of terms and conditions of employment and;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that UWSP's Academic Staff Council strongly opposes Section 2681 of the Governor's 2007 budget bill as currently written and;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that UWSP's Academic Staff Council favors legislation that enables faculty and staff of the university to choose to bargain collectively, but the Academic Staff Council does not support any legislative language that predetermines what collective bargaining units may be established or how they are to be established.

Written by the ASC Legislative Working Group
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