RESOLUTION # - 2024

Resolution Supporting Two-Year Campuses

Resolution offered by the Executive & Legislative Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Sauk County, Wisconsin:

**BACKGROUND:** The State of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Counties have had a long and

strong history of supporting two-year campuses throughout Wisconsin. Financial

feasibility has put a financial burden on the UW-system due to declining enrollments and

has forced the closure of campuses in Richland Center, Washington, Fond du Lac,

Marinette, and Waukesha Counties. In 2018 Northstar Analytics reported the UW

System and related organizations “produce and annual economic impact of over $24 billion”

while generating nearly 167,000 jobs and over $1.1 billion in state and local taxes. A

2024 report written by James R. Johnson in research with the Berkley Center for Studies in

Higher Education and Greenwood Asher & Associates reported America’s university

systems need to adapt to changing conditions and determine how to attain their educational

goals through adaptive leadership who can leverage adaptive conditions to scale initiatives

across systems. The WisconsinLegislature earlier this year passed Senate Bill 518,

which received bipartisan support in both chambers, to set aside $20 million in state funds to

provide up to $2 million in grants to communities affected by UW system branch campus

closures. The success of the remaining two-year campuses are vital to the economies of

our local communities. Campuses similar to the UW-Platteville Baraboo/Sauk County

have been working closely with their local partners to target educational programs that best

serve the community and has had success turning around enrollment. Opportunities

continue to exist diversify educational opportunities on these campuses through new four-

year programs and/or strategic partnerships.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Sauk County requests that the Wisconsin

Legislature and the Governor develop a comparable grant program to assist in the retooling

of the remaining two-year campuses for educational and diversifying the use of buildings

that are presently not need by the university system.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the grant program be used for the development educational,

recreational, governmental uses, or attracting private entities that serve the city, county,

university, staff, and/or students (such as a daycare center as one such example), or other

purposes the Legislature may deem fit for such grants.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the

Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) for consideration at the Annual Meeting in order to

be considered for the 2025 WCA lobbying efforts.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive & Legislative Committee, this 18th day of June, 2024

Consent Agenda Item: [ ] YES [ X ] NO

Fiscal Impact: [ ] None [ ] Budgeted Expenditure [ ] Not Budgeted

Vote Required: Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Offered and passage moved by:

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Chair, Timothy McCumber

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Vice-Chair, John Deitrich

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Supervisor, Dennis Polivka

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Supervisor, Mark “Smooth” Detter

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Supervisor, Sheila Carver

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Supervisor, Brian Peper

Fiscal Note:

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