

Resolution Regarding 2011-12 State Budget Lapse

Whereas the State of Wisconsin has many serious financial challenges;

Whereas the UW-System has been required to take a \$250 million budget cut over the next two years;

Whereas a lapse of state funding to state agencies is now being used to cover a shortfall in revenue;

Whereas the lapse is currently configured so that the UW System share is 38% of the total lapse despite the UW System only comprising 7% of the state budget;

Whereas the UW System has requested that the Department of Administration adjust their calculations to exclude costs for mission critical services, financial aid, utilities, and 24/7 police and safety and excluding these costs would lower the portion of the UW System budget lapse to 11%;

Therefore, the UW-Madison Academic Staff Assembly calls on the governor and the legislature of the state of Wisconsin to reduce the budget lapse to a fair and reasonable level in line with the portion of the overall state budget that is allocated to the UW System.