Resolution to Convene Ad-Hoc Committee on Bridge Funding

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Whereas 55% of academic staff are funded through sources that are not permanent such as federal grants or gift funds;

Whereas research project budgets are experiencing general constriction (e.g., sequester) leading to increased risk of job insecurity for academic staff regardless of PI status;

Whereas job security is an important condition of employment for academic staff;

Whereas, the UW-Madison risks losing vast swaths of institutional and research field knowledge and experience when Academic Staff lose their funding;

Be it resolved that ASEC will convene an ad hoc committee on Bridge Funding to explore the issue and recommend solutions that improve the job security of academic staff paid from non-permanent sources.