Resolution Supporting the Student Health Insurance Plan and Hard Waiver Requirement

WHEREAS, Whitewater Student Government serves all students attending the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater; and,

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requiring all United States citizens to have health insurance; and,

WHEREAS, University of Wisconsin System President Kevin Reilly charged the Student Health Insurance Requirement Feasibility Committee to propose a sustainable health insurance model for all students based on the insurance requirement; and,

WHEREAS, that committee sponsored a Student Health Insurance Benefits Plan and would provide University of Wisconsin System students access to a comprehensive program that satisfies the requirement; and,

WHEREAS, a hard waiver would require that all students provide proof of health insurance upon registration beginning with the incoming class of the 2014-2015 academic year; and,

WHEREAS, students utilizing Student Health Services will be required to present proof of health insurance; and,

WHEREAS, students who do not have proof of health insurance, will be mandatorily enrolled in the sponsored University of Wisconsin system Student Health Insurance Benefits Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater has traditionally provided voluntary health insurance plans, which may or may not be offered or affordable for students; and,

WHEREAS, the sponsored Student Health Insurance Benefits Plan would reduce the overall costs of health insurance for students compared to individually seeking plans through the Marketplace; and,

WHEREAS, unexpected physical and mental health care needs of uninsured students causes negative retention, physical consequences, and financial consequences to the student; and,

WHEREAS, a hard waiver would ensure that all students have affordable full coverage health plans; and,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Whitewater Student Government supports the Student Health Insurance Benefits Plan sponsored by the Student Health Insurance Feasibility Committee and the installment of a hard waiver requirement; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to Chancellor Telfer and Provost Kopper immediately upon the passage and signature of President Murphy; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Whitewater Student Government share this resolution to all the University of Wisconsin system schools and work collaboratively to implement said option for students.

AYES 15  
NAYES 0  
ABSTENTIONS 0  
TABLED UNTIL N/A

PASS X
FAIL
DATE 12/09/13

PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

CLERK'S SIGNATURE