

Explanatory Statement of 4-14-2009 University Committee Resolution on Secretary of Faculty Position

Because of the high level of interest on the proposed reorganization of the Vice Chancellor and Provost's office, and especially the proposed elimination of the currently independent position of Secretary of the Faculty, the University Committee unanimously passed the attached resolution. The resolution was based on the considerable feedback we have received from faculty on this issue. We hope that you and your colleagues will feel free to contact us with any questions or comments that you may have. Thank you.

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Resolved, that the University Committee of the Faculty Senate, University of Wisconsin-Extension, has examined the proposed re-organization plan of the Vice Chancellor and Provost's office that includes the elimination of the Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff position and,

Whereas the University Committee duly appreciates the need to increase capacity and maximize efficiencies in these difficult budget times, it also recognizes the long-standing commitment of the University of Wisconsin-Extension to faculty governance and the pivotal role the Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff plays in supporting faculty and academic staff shared governance and advisory bodies.

Therefore, we the University Committee of the Faculty Senate oppose the elimination of the position of Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff and the merger of the functions of that position with that of Assistant to the Vice Chancellor or any other administrative position.

We further resolve that the position of Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff be maintained at a minimum of .5 FTE and representatives of the University Committee work with the Vice Chancellor / Provost to further refine the roles and responsibilities of the Secretary of Faculty and Academic Staff position.