School of Education Board of Visitors

Resolution in support of the New Badger Partnership

For more than one and one-half centuries, the University of Wisconsin-Madison has had a significant positive impact on the culture, economy and public well being in Wisconsin. Even though UW-Madison is a global leader among public research universities, it faces major financial challenges, including a proposed $125 million reduction in state tax support over the next two years.

In response to continued reductions of state funding for UW-Madison, Chancellor Martin has advanced the New Badger Partnership, a proposal that develops a new business model for UW-Madison. We applaud Chancellor Martin for her bold vision and the courage to promote this needed change.

The legislature is currently considering the creation of a new public authority for UW-Madison, which would provide the flexibilities articulated in the New Badger Partnership.

UW-Madison is in competition with other top academic institutions for the best and brightest faculty and students. Decreasing state support puts the university at a competitive disadvantage in this regard. The New Badger Partnership gives UW-Madison the flexibility to invest available resources where they are most needed, reducing constraints that currently keep us from responding quickly to emerging opportunities.

We believe a strong UW-Madison leads to a strong Wisconsin. As such, the School of Education Board of Visitors expresses its support for the New Badger Partnership and the establishment of a new public authority for UW-Madison.

Resolved, April 28, 2011