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Response to Governor's
2015-17 Biennial
Budget Proposal

BOARD OF REGENTS

Resolution I.6.B.

WHEREAS the Governor's biennial budget proposal calls for a substantial base cut to GPR funding; and

WHEREAS previous budget reductions in base funding, in conjunction with the current proposal and the continuation of a tuition freeze limit the ability of the System to effectively manage our institutions; and

WHEREAS the UW System has long sought additional flexibilities to distinguish the System from other state agencies and to provide a greater ability to manage business enterprises in a more efficient and effective manner;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents hereby requests that the Wisconsin State Legislature substantially reduce the base funding cuts recommended in the Governor's budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents hereby requests that the Wisconsin State Legislature grant the flexibilities sought by the System either through an agreed-upon public authority or appropriate amendments to state statutes, including a dedicated funding stream for state-supported UW operations and appropriate technical changes to the proposed budget to allow the System to more effectively and efficiently implement these flexibilities, manage operations, and serve the students and taxpayers of Wisconsin.