

Wisconsin University Union (WUU) - Executive Board

Chancellor Rebecca Blank stated recently that there have been [“a number of no confidence votes by faculty at many of the UW System schools”](#). The truth is these votes have been more pervasive. In reality 8 of the largest 13 schools in the state passed no confidence measures. UW Colleges Faculty Council, the senate that represents faculty across 13 UW system two year college campuses, also voted for a no-confidence resolution. In other words, faculty governance that works with more than 77%¹ of the students in the state have literally no confidence in President Raymond Cross and the Board of Regents (BOR).

A summary of these resolutions follows.

UW Madison - May 2, 2016. Faculty Senate passed [Resolution of No Confidence](#). Primary concerns were threats of the erosion tenure policies and faculty governance. Faculty argued that actions by Cross and the BOR have impeded their ability to educate the students and the public. Cross and the BOR were called to “recommit” to the ideals of UW. The resolution passed by voice vote. The margin was so large that no count was given.

UW River Falls - May 4, 2016. Faculty Senate passed a [Resolution of No Confidence](#). Language in the resolution cites a statement from Cross indicating he promised to resign if he failed to protect tenure. The resolution indicated Cross and the BOR have done just that, along with fundamentally disrespecting principles of shared governance. There were no objections and only one voter abstained.

UW La Crosse - May 5, 2016. The Faculty Senate unanimously passed a [Resolution of No Confidence](#) that followed the wording of the UW-Madison statement.

UW Milwaukee - May 10, 2016. Over 300 faculty unanimously passed a [Resolution of No Confidence](#) that followed UW-Madison’s statement and added additional provisions calling for recognition of UW-Milwaukee’s new R1 status.

UW Green Bay - May 11, 2016. Faculty Senate passed [Resolution of No Confidence](#) in a 26-1 vote, with one abstention. The wording followed the UW-Madison resolution.

UW Parkside - May 13, 2016. Faculty Senate passed a [Resolution of No Confidence](#). Dissenters advocated for stronger language of no confidence.

UW Stout - May 16, 2016. Faculty Senate passed [Resolution of No Confidence](#) with sharpened language that specifically highlights the historic tendency of the Office of the President and the Board of Regents to work against the best interests of faculty, students and staff.

UW Colleges - May 20, 2016. The UW Colleges Faculty Council of Senators representing 13 - 2 year UW Colleges passed a [Resolution of No Confidence](#) with a vote of 11-5 with one abstention.

UW Eau Claire - May 30, 2016. Faculty approved a [Resolution of No Confidence](#) that supports the language of the UW-Madison resolution and adds language to indicate that Eau Claire in particular has been jeopardized by policies impacting the budget, tenure policies, shared governance policies of the UW System. Faculty passed the resolution with a 70% majority of faculty in favor (227-98 percent).

¹ Schools that have not passed Resolutions of No Confidence: UW Stevens Point (9,500 students), UW Oshkosh (13,400 students), UW Whitewater (10,500 students), UW Platteville (7,900 students), representing an estimated 23% of an estimated 180,000 total students in the UW System. Majority schools in favor (not including the UW two year colleges) represent a total of 66% of the students in the state, while two year institutions represent roughly 11% of the students in the state.

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