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Halverson, Vicky

To: Sara Guyer
Subject: RE: student bill of rights

Thanks very much for your message. I'll make sure Rep. Kreibich sees it.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sara Guyer [mailto:seguyer@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2005 7:07 AM
To: Rep.Schneider
Cc: Rep.Kreibich
Subject: Fwd: student bill of rights

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Sara Guyer <seguyer@gmail.com>
Date: Aug 1, 2005 7:00 AM
Subject: student bill of rights
To: rep.kreibich@legis.state.wi.us

Dear Representative Kreibich:

I read this morning in the WSJ about Representative Schneider's proposal to legislate a Student Bill of Rights. While I am certain that his intentions are good, the proposal is a ridiculous one and is bound to make the lives of those students about which he cares worse rather than better.

While some of the proposals are apparently benign, if they are made into law, they will restrict rather than promote student freedom.

For example, if campus police can't administer parking tickets during the beginning and end of the semester, how can they protect parking designated for the disabled?

More importantly, the idea that a tenured professor could lose tenure on the basis of advising is simply ludicrous. This proposal is naive about the role of advising, and it assumes that an extra semester is by definition a bad thing. For many less mature students, as well as students who change majors or work long hours, that extra semester can make an important difference. To punish faculty for looking out for students' best interest is entirely misguided. Moreover, to play with something as serious as academic tenure is outright irresponsible.

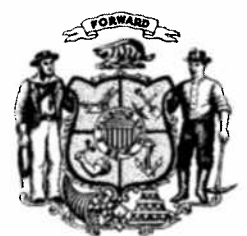
A bill of rights like this will make it impossible for the university to recruit faculty and thus will destroy its foundations. I hope that the other members of the assembly recognize, as I do, that this proposal is a recipe for disaster.

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To: Dale Ericson
Subject: RE: Student Bill of Rights

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From: Dale Ericson [mailto:drericson@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2005 1:43 AM
To: Rep.Kreibich
Subject: Student Bill of Rights

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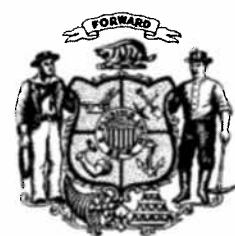
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Best wishes, have a good day!
Sincerely,
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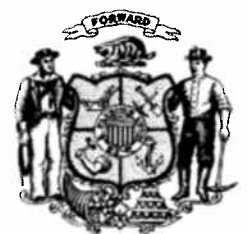
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Halverson, Vicky

To: Judith Miller

Subject: RE: Opposition - AB-578

Thanks for your message. I'll make sure Rep. Kreibich sees it.

From: Judith Miller [mailto:jdthmlr@charter.net]

Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2005 6:14 AM

To: Schneider, Marlin; Rep.Kreibich

Subject: Re: Opposition - AB-578

Gentlemen:

Here is my point by point commentary on your proposal. In general, I don't believe most of these items rise to the level of requiring a solution via state law.

There are two points that I may have merit as part of the law. I have noted them.

- The bill also limits the work day of a medical intern to 16 hours
- Prohibits the Board of Regents from entering into a contract that grants naming rights to a UW arena, playing field, or stadium.

As for the others, their resolution should be addressed through the management processes of the University. For the WI state legislature to address them via law represents, in my opinion, further micromanagement of the UW.

1. Requires an instructor to approve or deny a request to add a course within five days of the request. - **Such standards should be set by UW management, not State law.**
2. Requires an instructor teaching a class with only one examination to provide a week of study time before the examination. - **Such standards should be set by UW management, not State law.**
3. Requires the suspension of all parking rules for the week preceding and following each semester. - **Suspension of ALL parking rules could result in more chaos on campus. This is a management decision for the UW to make.**
4. Requires grades to be submitted no later than ten days after the final examination for the course. - **Such standards should be set by UW management, not State law.**
5. Prohibits an instructor from requiring students to purchase or use a text the instructor has authored for the course without obtaining the approval of the student government. - **Such standards should be set by UW management, not State law.**

6. Requires the chancellor to revoke tenure of a faculty member or deduct six months' pay for an untenured instructor whose academic advising causes a student to be enrolled at least one semester more than he or she otherwise would have been enrolled. - **Such standards should be set by UW management, not State law.**
7. Prohibits an instructor from requiring students to complete a course evaluation until after the final examination is given. - **Such standards should be set by UW management, not State law.**
8. Requires, by no later than the 2012 academic year, audio or video recordings of all lectures and course sessions to be made available to students for downloading from the Internet. - **Such standards should be set by UW management, not State law. This kind of publishing takes time, staff, and money. Given the recent budget cuts to the university, I'm concerned this will become an unfunded mandate.**
9. Requires an instructor who adopts a policy of reducing the grades of a student due to illness resulting in absenteeism to state that policy in writing and permits a student to appeal any decision based on that policy to the appropriate academic dean. - **Such standards should be set by UW management, not State law.**
10. Requires an instructor to excuse the absence of a student whose family member, fiance, or fiancée dies or becomes extremely ill and to allow a student to take any examination missed because of the funeral of a family member, fiance, or fiancée. - **Such standards should be set by UW management, not State law.**
11. Requires an instructor to meet with a parent or guardian who requests to speak with the instructor concerning the academic performance of his or her child no later than one week after the request, unless mutually agreed to otherwise, if the child grants written permission. -

I think the use of the term "child" is a bit misleading as the legal age of consent in WI is 18 and most students at the UW are not legally "children". Such standards concerning meetings re: the performance of a "student" should be set by UW management, not State law.

Finally, the bill directs the Department of Public Instruction, the UW Board of Regents, and the Technical College Board to adopt maximum weight standards for textbooks used by pupils and students. -

This doesn't make sense in the college context. Books weigh what they weigh. Are you suggesting that the instructor limit the content of his/her class to what can be accommodated by a certain poundage of book? This suggestion might be appropriate for elementary and junior high schools, but not colleges and tech colleges where students are adults, not children, it is inappropriate.

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