



**To whom it may concern:**

In light of the meeting taking place today on December 19, 2006 of the Wisconsin's Legislature's "Special Committee on Affirmative Action" in the State Capitol Building in Madison, UWSP Student Senate has unanimously passed a resolution opposing the proposed banning of Affirmative Action in WI – that is up for discussion later today at the meeting.

For your perusal, below is the stated resolution that passed by the Student Senate on December 14, 2006 by unanimous votes.

**Resolution opposing the proposed banning of Affirmative Action in WI**

**Whereas:** On December 19, 2006 the Wisconsin's Legislature's "Special Committee on Affirmative Action" will take place in the State Capitol Building in Madison,

**Whereas:** Ward Connerly, Chairman of the American Civil Rights Institute, will strongly advocate his and Senator Glen Grothman's strong intent to persuade the committee to draft a legislation for Wisconsin that bans the consideration of affirmative action in university admissions, state purchasing and construction contracts, and state government employment practices,

**Whereas:** in which four states – California, Washington, Michigan and Texas have banned the use of affirmative action by voter referendums, court decisions and/or state statute.

**Therefore be it resolved:** that the students of UWSP strongly oppose the drafting of any such legislation(s) that will ban affirmative action in WI,

**Therefore, further be it resolved:** the students request that the Multicultural Issues Director be aware of any developments on the issue & to keep students and administration abreast of such news,

**Be it finally resolved:** upon passage, the Multicultural Issues Director will send this resolution to the Chancellor, Faculty Senate and any other appropriate administrative body deemed necessary.

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**Sponsor(s):** David Davila, Senator, L&S, Jordania Leon-Jordan, Senator, L&S

As the Multicultural & Diversity Issues Director of the Student Government of Association of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, who represents the needs of minority students here at UWSP, I strongly urge you to reconsider your intent to draft the aforementioned legislation to ban affirmative action in WI.

Sincerely,

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Cc      Chancellor Linda Bunnell  
         Assistant Chancellor of Student Affairs Bob Tomlinson  
         United Council Staff – Sara Tibetu  
         The Equity & Affirmative Action Committee (UWSP) – Chair Stacey Allen-Bannach  
         SGA – President Ross Cohen, Vice-President Rhea Owens & Advisor Laura Ketchum-Cifti