

Wisconsin Student Government
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A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, students realize the value and importance of Wisconsin's appointed technical college district boards; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's technical college board model is designed for excellence in local representation and college governance and is a copied and proven national model; and

WHEREAS, technical college boards are as representative as elected boards geographically, by profession, experience, and background, by gender and minority group status, because they are volunteers insulated from partisan politics and funding, because vacancies can be filled more quickly and cheaply; and

WHEREAS, locally appointed boards are part of a balanced and accountable state-local governance structure which is the best of combined state and local governance and local boards are only part of community input in college governance; and

WHEREAS, technical college boards operate as openly, publicly, and with as much opportunity for public input as any form of local government; and

WHEREAS, board appointment is a democratic process, does not create professional politicians, follow the same ethics laws as elected officials, bring together a wide cross section of community leadership, and include elected officials; and

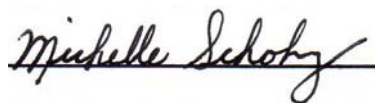
WHEREAS, technical colleges are the state's key economic engine and return more to the economy than any other publicly funded activity with a return of \$2 in tax revenue for every \$1 of total public investment while meeting an ever-changing variety of training needs, local community needs, and providing cutting edge technology and offerings; and

WHEREAS, the technical college boards are recognized as national leaders and role models; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly Speaker's Taskforce final recommendations included: "Maintain the current method of appointing members of technical college boards".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Wisconsin Student Government does not support any legislation the purpose of which is to eliminate locally appointed district boards and replaces them with elected boards hence eliminating the proven and non-political governance model; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Representative Rob Kreibich, Chairperson-Assembly Colleges and Universities Committee.



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October 1, 2005
Date