



2004-2005 Wisconsin Student Government
Resolution Five

Dedicated to: the amendment to the Wisconsin State Constitution called the Taxpayer
Bill of Rights (TABOR)

- 1 **Whereas**, the Wisconsin Student Government represents over 340,000 students from 13
2 campuses, and,
3 **Whereas**, the Wisconsin Student Government is concerned with legislative initiatives of
4 the State of Wisconsin that affect education, and,
5 **Whereas**, the students of the Wisconsin Student Government believe that investing into
6 education now is an investment in the future economy, and,
7 **Whereas**, the Wisconsin Technical College System is a tool used for higher education at
8 all levels, and,
9 **Whereas**, TABOR initiatives impose a risk to education during times of economic
10 shortfalls, and,
11 **Whereas**, TABOR initiatives limit the complex financial decisions that need to be made
12 by those who understand the decisions at a local level, and,
13 **Whereas**, we of the Wisconsin Student Government feel that Wisconsin Technical
14 Colleges have acted in a way responsible to education, as well as to the taxpayers
15 of Wisconsin, and should not be penalized fiscally because of bad management by
16 other organizations, and,
17 **Whereas**, surveys show that the State of Wisconsin believes Technical Colleges are a
18 good use of property tax funding, and,
19 **Whereas**, surveys show that the people of the State of Wisconsin opposes a constitutional
20 amendment limiting property taxes if it reduces technical college enrollment,
21 programs, or local control, and,
22 **Whereas**, 87% students who graduate from Wisconsin Technical Colleges stay in and
23 work in Wisconsin and contribute to strengthening the states economy, and,

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26 **Whereas**, 80% of employers in Wisconsin believe that training in the beginning of a
27 career is important, and,

28 **Whereas**, TABOR initiatives will limit the possibilities of education and programs at the
29 technical college level by putting caps on expansion, and,

30 **Whereas**, we know from the Colorado Experience that these forms of limitations will
31 drastically affect our schools and the number of people it may serve, and,

32 **Whereas**, the Wisconsin Student Government supports the Wisconsin Technical College
33 System resolution opposing a constitutional amendment and its process, and,

34 **Therefore**, be it resolved, that the Wisconsin Student Government Association goes on
35 the record in opposition of any form of the Tax Payer Bill of Rights.

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37 Adopted by the Wisconsin Student Government this day, the seventh day of February in
38 the year two thousand and five