

Faculty Senate Position on the Public Authority Proposal
(as amended and adopted at its 2 May 2011 meeting)

Whereas the Principles in Support of Key Flexibilities for UW-Madison are essential for maintaining the strength and international excellence of the institution; and

Whereas no plan has been advanced by the UW System which will assure we receive these flexibilities; and

Whereas the public authority model advanced as a part of the New Badger Partnership does provide these flexibilities;

The Faculty Senate expresses its support for the public authority model for the operation of the UW-Madison.

Should the draft proposal to establish chapter 37 and convert UW-Madison to public authority status be removed from the draft biennial budget bill, the Faculty Senate affirms support for the principles of flexibility and governance adopted in Faculty Documents 2244b and 2280 and, through the University Committee, will convene an *ad hoc* committee to identify alternative mechanisms to achieve the governance principles and financial flexibilities articulated in documents 2244b and 2280, and to report its findings back to the Faculty Senate within six months.

The Faculty Senate authorizes the University Committee to support compromise legislation to achieve the goals of Faculty Document 2280.