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2019 Student Budget Principles

*Whereas*, Winona State University is facing extreme budget cuts this year.

*Whereas*, students on the WSU and WSU-R campuses are the largest bargaining units in this discussion.

*Whereas*, student input should be highly considered when facing budget cuts.

*Whereas*, there are numerous entities on campus that directly impact student life that are in danger of being cut due to impending budget cuts.

*Whereas*, students are directly impacted by the presence (or lack thereof) of counselors, major and minor programs, and campus resources.

*Whereas*, cutting professors will impact class sizes, number of course offerings, and frequency of course offerings and can cause students to postpone graduation.

*Whereas*, full-time staff positions could potentially be filled by work study or student work positions and cutting classes that are not tied directly to any major or minor program could be considered to save money.

*Whereas*, maintaining sustainability efforts and improving sustainability at Winona State University improves life for students and faculty on and off campus.

*Therefore, be it resolved*, that WSUSS recommends the following items be closely considered for preservation when discussing university budget cuts:

- Mental health counselor positions
- Academic programs
- KEAP Center
- RE Initiative and GBV Training
- Professor positions
- Work study and student work positions
- Sustainability

*Therefore, be it further resolved*, that the Finance and Facilities Committee and President Olson's Cabinet consider the value of these items to students when discussing budget cuts and budget principles for Winona State University.



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