

A s s o c i a t e d   S t u d e n t s   o f   M a d i s o n

ASM Coordinating Council, 17<sup>th</sup> Session

Legislation 17-0213-01

Title: ASM Support of Collective Bargaining Rights of UW  
Employees

Sponsored by: Chair Williams, Vice Chair Johnson, Chair Fergus,  
Chair VandenLangenberg, Rep. Kuo, Rep. Junger, Rep. Huang

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1    **Background:** On Friday, February 11th Governor Scott Walker proposed his Emergency Budget  
2    Repair Bill. This legislation means that public sector workers will no longer be able to bargain  
3    collectively or have a say in negotiating the terms of their employment. Included in those  
4    affected by this legislation are faculty and staff members of the UW System. They will no longer  
5    be able to bargain over health care, tuition remission, pension contributions, grievance  
6    procedures, and other benefits. Forcing low wages and higher health care costs for grad  
7    employees, this legislation will make it almost impossible for the UW system to recruit  
8    competitive graduate students. Not only will this affect our rankings nationally and  
9    internationally, the quality of our undergraduate education will suffer immensely, since UW  
10   Madison relies on graduate students to teach many undergraduate classes and discussion  
11   sections.

12   The Associated Students of Madison acting in Coordinating Council do enact as follows:

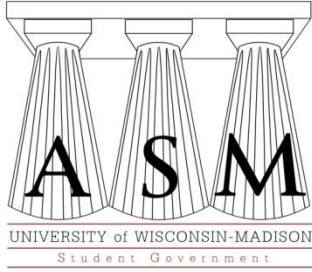
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14   **Be it resolved,** The ASM, in concert with the Teaching Assistant Association, denounces the  
15   Emergency Budget Repair Bill.

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17   **Be it further resolved,** The ASM urges students of UW-Madison to take part in the Hands Off  
18   Our Teachers rally at the Wisconsin Capitol on Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

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20   **Be it further resolved,** The ASM urges students from Wisconsin to call their local  
21   representatives, write Letters to the Editor of their local paper, and get their parents and family  
22   members to participate.

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24   **Be it further resolved,** The ASM urges the University Committee, Faculty Senate, and  
25   Academic Staff Assembly to denounce the Emergency Budget Repair Bill, and to urge the UW  
26   Community to attend the Hands Off Our Teachers Rally.

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1 **Be it finally resolved,** The Coordinating Council of ASM gives Chair Williams the authority to  
2 publish press releases, coordinate media, and expense money pertinent to this legislation as he  
3 deems necessary.

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6 Date: 2/13/11

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8 Disposition: Approved via unanimous consent

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12 Chair: /s/ Brandon John Williams

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