To:       President Kevin Reilly, University of Wisconsin System  
          Chancellor Charles Sorensen, University of Wisconsin-Stout

From:    Dennis Lee Shaw  
          Chair, Senate of Academic Staff, UW-Stout

Date:    November 21, 2006

Subj:    Resolution in support of the UW System's Growth Agenda

Dear President Reilly and Chancellor Sorensen,

On behalf of the Senate of Academic Staff at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, I am pleased to share the attached resolution recently adopted unanimously by our senate.

We are excited about the "Growth Agenda" plan as a whole. We trust that the Regents and the state will also recognize its importance by adequately funding it.

We also feel fortunate that the UW-Stout administration continues to be committed to seeking governance input on all major decisions and initiatives, including our piece of the "Growth Agenda" plan. We look forward to partnering with the campus to ensure the success of the project.

Thank you!
WHEREAS, Wisconsin needs a strong University of Wisconsin System to grow the state's economy and workforce; and

WHEREAS, we agree with President Reilly that more Wisconsin citizens with college degrees means: More high-paying jobs, a stronger tax base, an improved state economy, and will boost economic growth for the state; and

WHEREAS, the "Growth Agenda" proposed by President Reilly will enable the University of Wisconsin System to promote greater access and affordability for UW students; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa Valley NanoSTEM Initiative, a collaborative venture involving the University of Wisconsin-Stout, UW-Eau Claire, and Chippewa Valley Technical College, is a prominent feature of the "Growth Agenda"; and

WHEREAS, it will be the Academic Staff members, in the classrooms and support offices, on this and every other campus, who will be in the forefront of making the "Growth Agenda" as success; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Stout Senate of Academic Staff endorses the "Growth Agenda" and urges state legislative and executive leaders to adopt and adequately fund its initiatives for access, affordability, and growth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of Academic Staff instructs our 2006-2007 Chair, Dennis Shaw, to support any pro-"Growth Agenda" resolution proposed in the Academic Staff Reps Council (ASRC).

Adopted unanimously on October 31, 2006