

BOARD OF REGENTS

Resolution:

Whereas, Hurricane Katrina has devastated portions of Mississippi and Louisiana, resulting in the closure of several higher education institutions; and

Whereas, many students enrolled in these institutions want to continue their education elsewhere until their campuses reopen; and

Whereas, several UW System institutions are willing to offer enrollment to affected students; and

Whereas, many of these students have already remitted tuition to an institution in the disaster area;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Regents establishes a class of students known as the "Hurricane Katrina Victims," consisting of students who were enrolled at, or had previously been attending, an institution located in an area designated as a federally-designated disaster area¹ that will be closed as a result of the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina and who instead have been, or will be enrolled, at a UW System institution as a student for the fall 2005 semester; and

Be it further resolved, that UW System institutions shall provide nonresident remissions for the fall 2005 semester for "Hurricane Katrina Victims" and shall not bill students who have sustained losses as a result of the hurricane for the balance of tuition at this time. Presidents Walsh and Reilly will consult with the Legislative leadership and the Governor regarding options to remit the full tuition for these students, and they are hereby authorized to proceed on behalf of the Board with implementation of actions determined upon following these consultations; and

Be it further resolved, that nothing in this resolution shall be deemed to preclude the UW System or its institutions from taking actions necessary to recover any funds that may hereafter become available to repay tuition previously remitted or not charged for Hurricane Katrina Victims, or to allow Hurricane Katrina Victims to become eligible for financial aid that may become available to them by the federal government or otherwise.

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¹ The designation as a federally-declared disaster area is available by date of declaration on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) website (www.fema.gov/disasters).