Communication from an Official Governance Unit UW-Milwaukee Faculty Senate Resolution Downer Woods and Downer College Buildings Approved March 12, 2015

Whereas Downer Woods and the Downer College buildings are treasured by both UW-Milwaukee and surrounding communities as unique cultural and historical legacies; and

Whereas Downer Woods provides invaluable opportunities for recreation and scientific study, as well as adding to the natural beauty of the UW-Milwaukee campus;

Therefore, the UW-Milwaukee Faculty Senate unequivocally opposes the repeal of sections from Chapter 36 State Statutes which protect Downer Woods and the Downer College buildings as precious assets, as well as any other attempts to endanger them or change their status.

We further call upon UW-Milwaukee Administration, UW-System Administration, the UW-System Board of Regents, the City of Milwaukee, and the Village of Shorewood, to join with us in urging the State Legislature to reject this proposed change in State Statutes, and affirm support for maintaining the current protected status of Downer Woods and the Downer College buildings.