

WVU Institute of Technology Faculty Assembly

Resolution

Title: *To Condemn Proposed Cuts to
Higher Education Appropriations*

Origin: WVU Tech Faculty Assembly Council

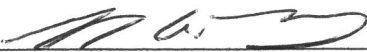
Whereas the West Virginia State Legislature has reduced appropriations to West Virginia University by nearly \$30 million over the past three years;

Whereas WVU President Gordon Gee has stated that the proposed additional 15% cut to appropriations will cause layoffs, reductions in academic programs, and/or student tuition increases;

Whereas WVU and its regional campuses at WVU Tech and Potomac State constitute the primary economic engine for the state of WV; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Faculty Assembly of West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

1. Emphatically condemns the proposed 15% cut to higher education in West Virginia as fiscally irresponsible and morally reprehensible.
2. Strongly recommends to state legislators to revert to investing in the state by investing in WVU and other institutions of higher education.
3. Reminds state legislators that WVU is a land-grant institution with critical obligations to the state's citizens, and that further cuts will severely diminish its capacity to meet those obligations.
4. Strongly recommends to state legislators to consider carefully that the negative impact of the proposed 15% cut will be shouldered in part by WV families for whom the cost of obtaining quality higher education is already prohibitive.



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