RESOLUTION NO. 2016-159S

RESOLUTION BY INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF UW SYSTEM 2017-2019
BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS: The University of Wisconsin-Parkside has served Racine County for close
to a half century with accessible, affordable public higher education connecting Racine County
with world-class resources of the University of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS: The University of Wisconsin-Parkside has a direct and indirect economic
impact in Southeastern Wisconsin, including 500 employees, 4,600 students and 16,000 alumni
actively engaged in the region’s economy; and

WHEREAS: More than 600 students graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside
each year, and more than 60 percent stay in Southeastern Wisconsin, working, raising families,
and being productive taxpaying citizens in Racine County; and

WHEREAS: University of Wisconsin-Parkside alumni say their degree has opened doors
in their professional careers, and data shows that individuals with a bachelor’s degree earn an
additional $1 million over their lifetime; and

WHEREAS: While the state of Wisconsin faces a demographic shift with an aging
population and shrinking labor force, the infusion of highly educated graduates from the
University of Wisconsin-Parkside into Southeastern Wisconsin’s workforce is essential to the
region’s economy; and

WHEREAS: The UW System, through its 2020FWD strategic framework and the 2017-
2019 biennial budget request will help more students succeed and graduate in a timely fashion
by reducing time-to-degree, expanding college credit options for high school students, adding
more options to transfer college credits, engaging businesses to help create job opportunities
after graduation, and responding to the needs of nontraditional students and working adults;

WHEREAS: The UW System 2017-2019 biennial budget request includes capital
funding to support required maintenance and infrastructure upgrades to the University of
Wisconsin-Parkside Wyllie Hall; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Racine County Board of Supervisors supports
the UW System 2020FWD strategic framework, and strongly encourages the Governor of the
State of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin State Legislature to invest in the future of our children,
and in the future of our state by reinvesting in the UW System in alignment with the UW System
2017-2019 biennial budget request which will have a direct and positive impact on the University
of Wisconsin-Parkside and the vibrant economic region that is Southeastern Wisconsin.
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Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading 4-11-17  
2nd Reading 4-18-17

BOARD ACTION  Majority
Adopted YES
For
Against

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority
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The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of
Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:
Approved: ______
Vetoed: ______
Date: ________________.
Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive