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APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR THE "UNIVERCITY" ALLIANCE

The UniverCity Alliance brings together students, faculty and research centers from across the UW-Madison campus and connects them to local governments. By connecting education, service and research activities across UW-Madison with local governments, the UniverCity Alliance seeks to provide solutions to critical local issues. Cross-disciplinary teams from existing UW-Madison courses will work on county-initiated projects. Students receive experience with real world issues and local governments build relationships with potential future employees and local leaders.

Earlier this year, the County Board, as the policy arm of county government, applied for the opportunity to work with the UniverCity Alliance. While there are a number of topic areas of interest, the areas for issue evaluation by UW professors and students in the first semester of the 2017-18 school year are:

- 1. Economic development,
- 2. Affordable housing,
- 3. Meeting and mitigating the underlying needs of those who heavily use county services, and
- 4. Water quality management to improve water quality.

In each of these topic areas, the courses would identify and evaluate best practice models for: innovative programs and approaches; financing; data collection and analysis; and communication.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that UW-Madison be awarded \$40,000 for the UniverCity Alliance to complete policy development and evaluation for the County Board in the areas of economic development, affordable housing, addressing the needs of heavy users of county services, and water quality management. This amount would be inclusive of all expenses, including travel (which would be minimal) and materials.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk and the Dane County Executive are hereby authorized and directed to sign the appropriate contract on behalf of Dane County.