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**STUDENT COUNCIL CALLS ON UW FOUNDATION TO DIVEST FROM CORPORATIONS**

MADISON, WI — The Associated Students of Madison (ASM) Student Council voted Wednesday night to request the UW Foundation divest from various corporations and private prisons that oppress marginalized communities.

The resolution, titled “Resolution for Divestment from Private Prisons, Fossil Fuel Corporations, Border Walls, and Arms Manufacturers,” targets specific corporations complicit in human rights abuses while recognizing the broader systems that create inequities.

The legislation states that the financial activity of the UW Foundation, which has investments valued at over \$3.1 billion, should be accountable to the public. While a primary goal for UW Foundation activity is profitable investing to support university operation, it should not come from companies that profit off the destruction of historically marginalized communities, nor off the earth which we all share.

The legislation calls on the university to improve transparency and accountability within the UW Foundation, and to divest from companies that engage in human rights abuses against marginalized communities.

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