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College Republicans of UW-Stevens Point Issue Statement of Support for Turning Points USA

STEVENS POINT- The College Republicans of UW-Stevens Point strongly admonish the Student Government Association of UW-Stevens Point for the denial of recognizing a chapter of Turning Point USA as an official student organization on campus. We are an organization that promotes conservative principles on campus, however, we stand for the freedom of all to voice their opinions. The UW-Stevens Point Student Government Association has made it clear that they do not recognize freedom of speech on campus. College campuses are supposed to be a free marketplace of ideas, even ideas that the majority disagree with. According to UW-Stevens Point, they state that they are “truly dedicated to serving all students, by incorporating diversity and inclusion”. While the Student Government Association may promote ethnic diversity, they disregard diversity of thought. The censorship of conservative voices on other University of Wisconsin campuses has been growing in recent years.

As conservatives, we have little official representation and therefore are ignored or punished for our beliefs, as we have seen in the case of Turning Point USA. Those with counter beliefs have much more representation, and use their power to suppress ideas they do not agree with. The College Republicans will not stand for any type of hatred directed at any of our fellow conservative peers. The College Republicans will continue to support and promote freedom of speech on the UW-Stevens Point campus, even when the college ignores that freedom. We will stand with all students and student organizations by ensuring that all have a voice on campus.

Chairwoman of the UW-Stevens Point College Republicans, Amelia Heup, released the following statement:

“The Student Government of UW-Stevens Point should be held accountable for their blatant disregard for freedom of speech and the free marketplace of ideas on campus. By denying Turning Point USA the ability to form a chapter and be recognized as an official student organization on campus, the Student Government has fundamentally stripped the voice of conservative organizations and student members of UWSP along with infringing on the rights of students. The UWSP College Republicans encourage diversity of students, no matter of ideology, ethnicity or creed. We strongly urge those who threaten the safety of students to be held accountable for their actions and words. We also urge action from Chancellor Bernie Patterson to preserve the freedoms granted by the Constitution to the students of this university. UWSP College Republicans will not stand for these atrocious actions taken against fellow conservative students and organizations on the campus of UW-Stevens Point.”