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UW System Statements on Joint Finance Committee capital budget vote

MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin System President Ray Cross issued this statement today:

“I deeply appreciate the Joint Finance Committee’s very strong investment in the University of Wisconsin System’s infrastructure. This will help us modernize laboratories and classrooms, repair aging and unsafe facilities, and replace obsolete structures. This long-term investment will help attract and retain more students and faculty.”

UW System Board of Regents President Drew Petersen issued this statement today:

“The investment in our facilities forwarded by the Committee today will have a significant impact on our students, faculty, and staff. The Board of Regents greatly appreciates the legislature’s support and commitment to make these critical improvements.”

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The University of Wisconsin System serves more than 170,000 students. Awarding nearly 37,000 degrees annually, the UW System is Wisconsin’s talent pipeline, putting graduates in position to increase their earning power, contribute to their communities, and make Wisconsin a better place to live. More than 80 percent of in-state UW System graduates stay in Wisconsin five years after earning a degree. The UW System provides a 23:1 return on state investment. UW System institutions also contribute to the richness of Wisconsin’s culture and economy with groundbreaking research, new companies and patents, and boundless creative intellectual energy.

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