

# Campus Biennial Budget Meeting

## Fifth in a Series

March 10, 2015

UWM Student Union, Wisconsin Room

# Meeting Format

- Brief Updates
  - From the Chancellor
  - Budget Planning Task Force
  - Budget Communication Task Force
  - Governance Group Updates/Announcements
- Q & A – Open Discussion
  - [budget-questions@uwm.edu](mailto:budget-questions@uwm.edu)

# Chancellor's Updates

- **What We Know: 2015-17 Proposal**
  1. \$300 million **budget cut** to UWS / Closer to \$348 million with cost to continue, other factors
    - \$40 million cut to UWM / Closer to \$24 million with cost to continue, other factors
  2. Restructuring UWS as a **public authority**
  3. Speculative conversations continue
  4. **Regents resolutions** on shared governance and tenure; and proposed cuts (Adopted March 5)

# Chancellor's Updates

## BOARD OF REGENTS

### Resolution I.6.A.

WHEREAS the Governor's biennial budget proposal calls for the deletion of statutory provisions regarding shared governance and tenure; and

WHEREAS the Board of Regents supports addressing shared governance and tenure in Board of Regents policy; and

WHEREAS the President of the Board of Regents has directed the creation of **two high-priority task forces**, each to be chaired by a member of the Board, to make recommendations for new Board of Regents policies on shared governance and tenure; and

WHEREAS the two committees are expected to make policy recommendations in time for the Board of Regents to adopt policies on shared governance and tenure in spring 2016, prior to the July 1, 2016 effective date of the Governor's proposal;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in the event that the Wisconsin State Legislature adopts the Governor's proposal to remove shared governance and tenure from the statutes, it include **specific authority to the Board of Regents to establish policies of shared governance and tenure**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that the Wisconsin State Legislature adopts the Governor's proposal to remove shared governance and tenure from the statutes with an effective date of earlier than July 1, 2016, the Board of Regents will, prior to the effective date of the legislation, adopt policies on shared governance and tenure that **reflect the exact language of current statutory law**. If this occurs, these policies will be replaced once the task forces complete their work and the Board of Regents adopts the resulting policies.

Agenda Item I.6.

March 5, 2015

Adopted 3/5/2015

Response to Governor's  
2015-17 Biennial  
Budget Proposal

## BOARD OF REGENTS

### Resolution I.6.B.

WHEREAS the Governor's biennial budget proposal calls for a substantial base cut to GPR funding; and

WHEREAS previous budget reductions in base funding, in conjunction with the current proposal and the continuation of a tuition freeze limit the ability of the System to effectively manage our institutions; and

WHEREAS the UW System has long sought additional flexibilities to distinguish the System from other state agencies and to provide a greater ability to manage business enterprises in a more efficient and effective manner;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents hereby requests that the Wisconsin State Legislature **substantially reduce the base funding cuts** recommended in the Governor's budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents hereby requests that the Wisconsin State Legislature **grant the flexibilities** sought by the System either through an agreed-upon public authority or appropriate amendments to state statutes, including a **dedicated funding stream** for state-supported UW operations and appropriate technical changes to the proposed budget to allow the System to more effectively and efficiently implement these flexibilities, manage operations, and serve the students and taxpayers of Wisconsin.

# Legislative Budget Timeline

- **March**
  - Agency briefings in Madison, March 2 - 4
  - Public hearings – March 20 at Alverno College
- **Early April**
  - Joint Finance Committee executive sessions
  - Legislative Fiscal Bureau prepares Budget Papers
- **Late April / Early May**
  - Budget goes to full legislature
  - Budget bill may be signed by mid-May

# Chancellor's Updates

- **Actions Underway**
  - Advocacy
  - Legislative meetings
  - Regents meetings – Next is April 9-10
  - Media
- **Many Positives**
  - Donor activity
  - Support of UWM friends
  - Enrollment-based growth in Marginal Tuition Revenue

# Budget Task Force

- Next meeting is March 12
- Also meeting with APBC on March 12
- Planning for next 6 years; considering multiple scenarios
- Evaluating all new costs and potential revenues
- Projecting for total base cut of \$26 million over 6 years
- Will consider short, medium, and long-term options
- No campus-level decisions yet

# Budget Task Force

The Budget Task Force groups welcome your input on how we might be more effective and impactful.

Please use the form below to offer your suggestion. (You may submit more than one suggestion, but please submit each one separately.)

## Task Force Suggestions

Form for providing suggestions to the budget task force groups.

Name \*

Email \*

Direct your suggestion to: \*

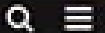
- Budget Planning Task Force
- Budget Communication Task Force

Your Suggestion \*

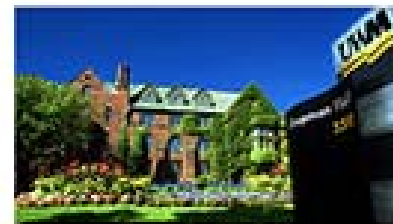
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On Feb. 3, 2015, Governor Scott Walker announced his proposal for the UW System 2015-'17 biennial budget that includes reductions in state support, while providing the UW System with increased operational flexibilities. The budget process unfolds over the next several months and will take time and input from many constituents before it is finalized. [Read more...](#)



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# Budget Task Force

- Public Authority
- Chapter 36
- Shared Governance

# Budget Communication Task Force

- Met March 6
- Letter writing party\* on March 10, 5-6:30 p.m., Student Union, Wisconsin Room
- “UWM Vital to the Future” advocacy buttons\*\*
- New content on Budget Information Website
- Looking at strategy for JFC hearings, key message points, additional social media tactics
- Sharing *Today@UWM*

\*Co-sponsored by the Student Association & UWM Alumni Association

\*\*No state funds are being used to produce the advocacy buttons

# Governance Groups

- **University Committee**
- **Academic Staff Committee**
- **Classified Staff Advisory Council**
- **Student Association**

# Wrap-up

- **Future Campus Budget Meetings**
  - March 25, 10-11 a.m., Student Union, Wisconsin Room
  - School/College/Unit meetings

# Q & A – Open Discussion

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