

UW Oshkosh Joint Governance Statement on the Budget & Public Authority  
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As a result of Chancellor Leavitt's budget forums, more information was provided to the campus community about how the proposed \$300 million budget cuts may impact our campus. Still, a lot of uncertainties remain. While we continue to be hopeful about the flexibilities afforded by the proposed public authority, there are many details yet to learn. In this challenging time, the four governance groups at UW Oshkosh stand together and commit to collaborating and engaging with the campus community in an effort to disseminate information and encourage productive and positive dialogue.

The University's vision statement reads, "The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will be a national model as a responsive, progressive, and scholarly public service community known for its accomplished record of engaging people and ideas for the common good." We encourage all members of the UW Oshkosh learning community to embrace this statement and to take opportunities to be responsive and proactive in well-reasoned discussions about the budget and public authority both on and off campus. We can "reach beyond the boundaries" our campus by engaging our students, their parents, and our alumni, as well as our community partners. All of these groups have powerful voices to communicate what we will need in order to continue to provide the outstanding education for which UW Oshkosh is known.

As always, we count on you for input and welcome any opportunity to hear from you. We also hope you will attend the Chancellor's upcoming Breakfast Forums.

*Endorsed by all four Governance Groups:*

Faculty Senate

Senate of Academic Staff

University Staff Council

Oshkosh Student Association