

# A GROWTH AGENDA FOR WISCONSIN

## GROWING PEOPLE, JOBS, & COMMUNITIES

### *Growth Agenda Action Step #2:*

## Create the Student Engagement Portfolio

**Brief summary:** The UW System's commitment to student success is shown not only in the content of classroom instruction captured in the traditional academic transcript, but also in out-of-classroom learning that is such an important part of student development on all UW System campuses. The Student Engagement Portfolio focuses on this out-of-classroom learning. It will help students clearly show the breadth of their experiences and background to potential employers or graduate schools. It will also help students understand the value of the academic and extra-curricular experiences that have gone into their pursuit of a college degree, serving as a tool to synthesize all their educational activities. The initiative also involves using the portfolio to more precisely reflect and assess the learning outcomes that students acquire as part of their in-class and out-of-class experiences.

### Progress to date and future plans:

- A systemwide working group is defining the nature and scope of this initiative to recommend a plan for moving forward. This planning includes:
  - Focusing on e-portfolio development to reflect academic and extra-curricular involvement, learning outcomes, and/or course assessment;
  - Identifying models in the UW System and nationally; and
  - Outlining operation and resource needs.
- A systemwide workshop is planned for Fall 2009 as a means to showcase various e-portfolio models used by institutions within the UW System and at colleges and universities across the country.
- One or two pilot initiatives are planned for Spring 2010.

### Related funding:

- UW System Growth Agenda Grant funds to support proposals for new e-portfolio initiatives or to expand existing programs

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