

Report Highlights

- The report identifies 225 administrative position reductions and more than 250 efficiency measures that will provide an estimated annual savings of \$15 million (see especially pages 3, 8, and the Appendix).
- UW System President Kevin Reilly is implementing several administrative and organizational changes that will save an estimated \$2.1 million annually. Efficiencies include eliminating positions and units within System administration and recommending to the Board of Regents that UW Colleges and UW-Extension report to a single chancellor (pages 1-2).
- The UW System's undergraduate instructional cost per student (CPS) model is a reliable representation of what it costs UW institutions to educate students (page 5).
- The UW System is increasing its effectiveness and efficiency in academic services, while enrollments are up and the number of faculty is down, reducing the average credits to degree from 145 to 136, which represents savings of more than 168,000 student credit hours, equivalent to opening up more than 11,000 FTE enrollments (page 7).
- The UW System is encouraging faculty entrepreneurship through more than 100 marketplace discoveries disclosed through WiSys, a Systemwide non-profit foundation (page 7).
- Examples of efficiencies achieved through common administrative functions include:
 - An electronic application that automatically updates student accounts and eliminates manual updating – online applications have grown from 7,331 in 1997-98 to 104,738 in 2003-04 (page 9).
 - An electronic library that all UW institutions can share (page 9).
- The Board of Regents' 2005-07 biennial budget request recommends a number of strategies that would require legislative assistance to improve the UW System's operating efficiency and save more than \$21.6 million annually. An example is:
 - Saving as much as \$20 million annually by streamlining the capital building process to avoid inflation and other process-related costs (pages 9-10).