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Statement of Jeff Pertl, President of United Council of UW Students on the Retirement of UW System President Katharine Lyall

“President Lyall has served the students and faculty of the UW System with distinction for the last 12 years. Her leadership and commitment to affordability has been deeply appreciated by students, especially during these difficult budget times.

“While every higher education leader promotes teaching and educational quality, President Lyall’s emphasis on classroom instruction and teacher recognition has set a new standard of excellence across the country. Additionally, unlike many other system leaders, President Lyall has ensured that both she and the senior leadership of UW System are regularly available to meet with students on issues ranging from Plan 2008 to differential tuition. Her managerial style and commitment to candid and consistent communication has been deeply appreciated.

“The students of the UW System wish President Lyall the best in her retirement and congratulate her on her decision to serve as a visiting senior scholar with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the nation’s oldest organization supporting teachers and excellence in teaching. Students are excited to know her work on excellence in teaching will continue.”

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The United Council of UW Students is one of the nation’s largest, oldest and most effective statewide student associations, representing approximately 145,000 students on 23 UW campuses.