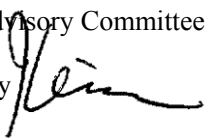




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TO: President's Advisory Committee on the Roles of UW System Administration  
FROM: Kevin P. Reilly   
RE: Appointment and Charge to President's Advisory Committee

I appreciate your willingness to accept this appointment to the President's Advisory Committee on the Roles of System Administration. The 2011-13 biennial budget includes a proposal to reduce the UW System Administration operating budget by 25%. There are also several proposals under consideration that would provide new administrative and management flexibilities to the Board of Regents, flexibilities that in turn would be made available to each UW institution.

We are at a pivotal point in the evolution of the UW System. These changes, when taken individually or in combination, are significant and require careful and strategic consideration if we are to reshape UW System Administration in a manner that preserves what is necessary and effective at System Administration, sheds what is best done elsewhere or not at all, and considers opportunities to better serve core stakeholders—the Board of Regents and UW System institutions—and the people of Wisconsin.

Over the next few months, I would specifically like the advisory committee to:

- **Within the context of the UWSA mission statement, the proposed 25% reduction in base funding, and new management flexibilities under consideration, advise me on potential changes in the structure, function, and support of System Administration, including operations currently assigned to both System Administration and Systemwide accounts.**

While undertaking this task I ask that:

- Consideration be given to what the law requires the Board of Regents and System Administration to do.
- Our shared commitment to the fundamental values of the Growth Agenda and Inclusive Excellence be sustained.
- Wherever possible, recommendations be grounded in the 2011-13 Planning Principles for UW System Administration (provided separately).

Thank you again for agreeing to participate on this advisory committee, and I look forward to hearing about your progress and receiving your recommendations.

Attachment

**System Administration/Systemwide  
2011-13 Planning Principles (as of 2/28/11)**

Value employees as our most important asset and abide by contracts, policies, and established procedures.

Maintain leadership and policy analysis capacity to serve the Board of Regents and UW System institutions.

Maintain leadership capacity to maintain the momentum and fulfill the goals of the Growth Agenda for Wisconsin.

Facilitate efficiency measures and provide services that save institutions time and/or money.

Ensure accountability to the Board of Regents, the Governor, Legislature, and the general public.

Perform the corporate functions of a large, complex, multi-billion dollar enterprise.

Ensure compliance with policies, rules, regulations, statutes, etc. as outlined by the Board of Regents, State Statutes, Federal Regulations, and higher education governing bodies.