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TO: The Honorable Scott Walker, Governor  
Jeff Renk, Chief Clerk, Wisconsin State Senate  
Patrick E. Fuller, Chief Clerk, Wisconsin State Assembly

FROM: Ray Cross, President, University of Wisconsin System  
Rebecca Blank, Chancellor, UW-Madison

RE: 2016 Legislated Accountability Requirements (2011 WI Act 32 & 2015 WI Act 55)

We are pleased to present you with the 2016 UW System accountability information as outlined in Wisconsin statutes, 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, and 2015 Wisconsin Act 55. The UW System was the first statewide system of higher education in the nation to issue an annual accountability report starting in 1993, and we remain dedicated to accountability and transparency to our governmental leaders and the citizens of Wisconsin.

Act 32 performance measures are included on the [UW Accountability Dashboard website](#), and this marks the second year of delivering these specific accountability measures online. Below are links to the Act 32 executive summaries for the UW System and UW-Madison. Each summary contains links to additional required accountability measures.

- [UW System Act 32 Executive Summary \(excluding UW-Madison\)](#)
- [UW-Madison Act 32 Executive Summary](#)

In accordance with Act 55, the UW Board of Regents identified accountability measures in the specified areas of Financial Management, Administrative Management, Educational Performance, and Research and Economic Development. These measures were approved in January 2016 by the joint legislative committees and are now available on our Accountability Dashboard as well.

The UW System is committed to maintaining and enhancing our accountability efforts and operational excellence, and we have included further initiatives in our [2020FWD Strategic Framework](#):

- Continue to create operational efficiencies by streamlining our non-instructional operations, such as human resources, information technology, purchasing, and budgeting operations.
- Develop and adopt practices to help UW students' graduate more quickly in order to reduce the cost of their education. This includes managing academic courses and programs offered at institutions, as well as regularly reviewing standards and practices supporting the collaborative management of electives and enrollment.
- Expand the Accountability Dashboard to include measures that benchmark and assess the System's progress in implementing the priorities and initiatives outlined in 2020FWD

CC: UW Board of Regents  
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