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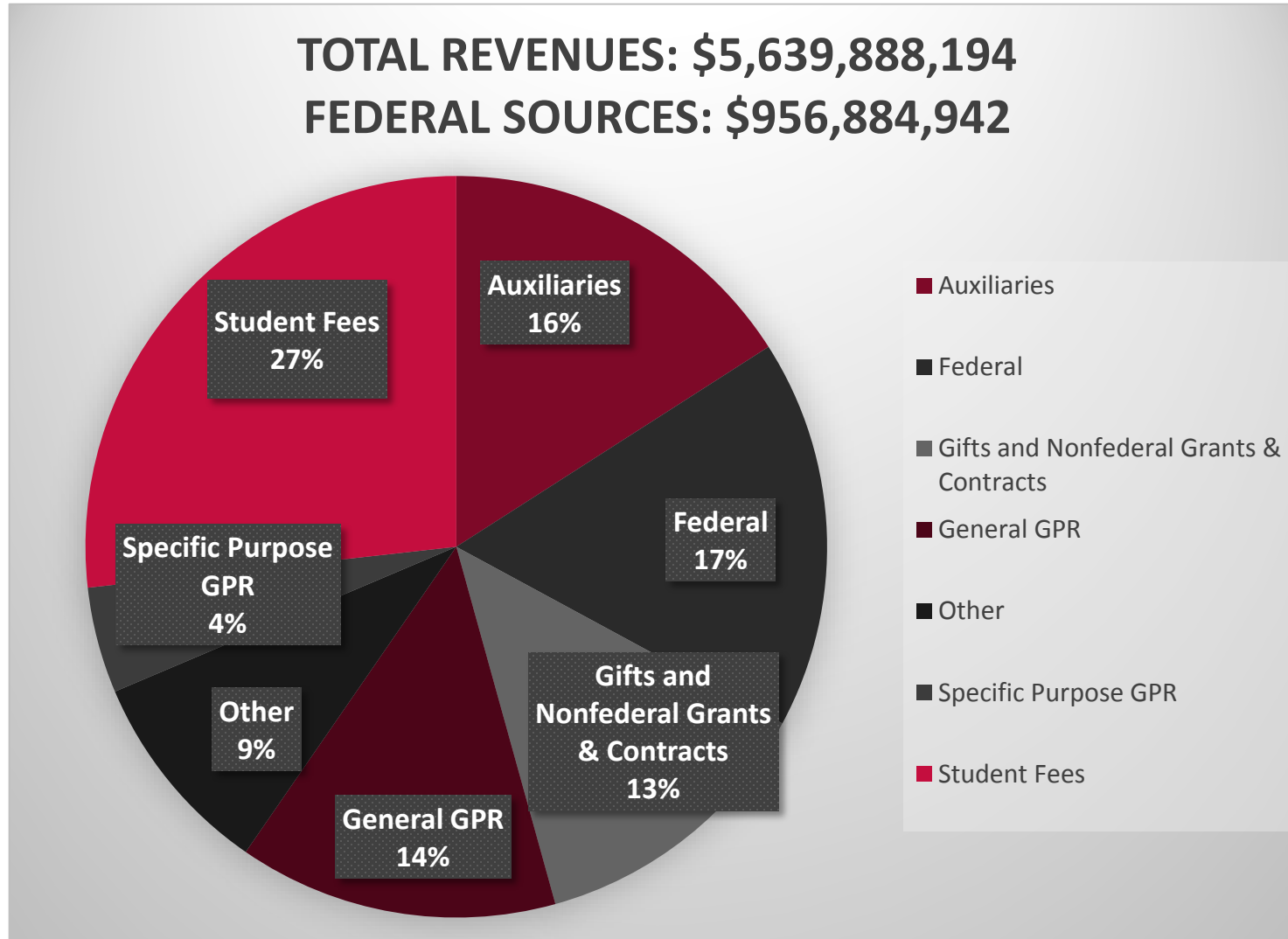
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The Importance of Federal Investment in the UW System



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Four Key Goals

1. Increase higher education access, affordability, persistence and completion
2. Encourage innovation at the campus level
3. Invest in research and development
4. Promote campus safety for all students

Goal 1: Increase Higher Education Access, Affordability, Persistence and Completion

The University of Wisconsin System supports efforts to modernize the Higher Education Act to reflect a 21st -century model of higher education and to give more students access to an affordable, quality education.

Past successes in the 115th Congress

- Secured maximum funding for the federal Pell Grant
- Secured increases in the federal TRIO programs
- Secured 2019 appropriations language authorizing the Department of Education to fund campuses for serving the federal Perkins Loan
- Secured relief for student veterans experiencing delays in their benefits

Goal 1: Increase Higher Education Access, Affordability, Persistence and Completion

New in the 116th Congress

- Reform the FAFSA
- Streamline loan options
- Restore the annual cost-of-living increase to the federal Pell Grant
- Secure a long-term solution for the Perkins Loan Program
- Monitor the Department of Education's response to paying campuses to service Perkins loans

Goal 2: Encourage Innovation at the Campus Level

Since its inception, UW Flexible Option has offered nine degrees and certificates, served more than 3,000 students, and graduated over 400 students. The federal government can take many steps to improve the flexibility of Title IV student financial aid disbursements and advance innovative learning models, like CBE, for students.

Past successes in the 115th Congress

- Included an amendment in the PROSPER Act, which died following committee markup

Goal 2: Encourage Innovation at the Campus Level

New in the 116th Congress

- Seeking an opportunity to testify before Congress regarding innovation in higher education
- Seeking statutory and regulatory changes so students can have greater access to high-quality, innovative programs

Goal 3: Invest in Research and Development

The University of Wisconsin System greatly appreciates the support Congress has provided for research and development and financial aid for students. This funding allows students to afford a quality education, and it funds the world-class research that enables a strong workforce and economic growth for Wisconsin.

Past successes in the 115th Congress

- Significant increases to NIH, NSF, Departments of Agriculture, Energy
- Investment in Non-Land-Grant Capacity Building
- Farm Bill amendments to reauthorize NLG program; ensure UW-SP eligibility

Goal 3: Invest in Research and Development

New in the 116th Congress

- Opposing proposed cuts to key federal research departments, institutes and agencies
- Investing in non-land-grant capacity building program for Colleges of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Advocating for eligibility changes to the EPSCoR program to expand capacity-building for primary undergraduate institutions
- Leveraging UW-Milwaukee's and UW System's water-related programming for research, outreach and education

Goal 4: Promote Campus Safety for All Students

The UW System is continuously working to improve our policies and procedures to create a respectful and safe campus climate.

New in the 116th Congress

- Submittal of letter in response to the U.S. Department of Education notice of proposed rulemaking
- Monitoring Title IX efforts to increase campus safety and protect students when the Higher Education Act is reauthorized.

Next Steps

The Office of Federal Relations pledge:

*The UW System Office of Federal Relations will continue to **increase UW System's visibility and build partnerships** with the Administration, elected officials, staff, and work in coordination with the other systems of higher education and national organizations. Regent President Behling, UW System President Cross and Chancellors will be meeting with Wisconsin's delegation in late March to deliver the Federal Agenda for 2019*

Next Steps

The Office of Federal Relations pledge:

*The UW System Office of Federal Relations will **continue to communicate** with our federal and internal partners via a biweekly newsletter. We will continue to analyze federal legislation and the impact it has on students and institutions and serve as a mini Library of Congress for our delegation and other stakeholders*

Next Steps

The Office of Federal Relations pledge:

*The UW System Office of Federal Relations will **continue to support campus federal relations** activities by working closely with the Federal Relations Council, and meeting regularly with Chancellors, Legislative Liaisons, Public Information Officers, Research Officers and others to ensure they have to information they need to advocate effectively and to enhance and grow resources.*

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