

Budget Recommendations from Charting the Future

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Grow Wisconsin

Growing a “high end” economy requires “investing in education, training and a sound infrastructure...” that result in “the best new ideas... to grow new companies, and keep our talented children and grandchildren here in Wisconsin.”

“...We need a wide breadth of courses for a comprehensive education. We need to restore cut classes, and increase the frequency of special topic courses so students can graduate on time, resulting in less loan debt and increased access to the UW System.”

Ellen Semran, February 6, 2004 presentation to the Board of Regents on Rebuilding Quality in the Classroom as part of the United Council Budget Priorities

“Students are concerned that recent budget cuts and position eliminations have forced UW institutions to rely more heavily on instructional staff, rather than adding or filling existent tenure-track positions. Tenure track faculty participate in campus governance, advise students, and conduct research or other projects; all of which add value and depth to the student experience.”

Building the Wisconsin Ideal: \$9 at a Time, Rebuilding Quality in the Classroom, United Council 2005-07
Biennial Budget Priorities, February 6, 2004

- **Research and Public Service Working Group
Research Recommendation**

The committee recommends:

The strategic rebuilding of the faculty with the capacity to conduct scholarly research in areas of national and state need, including greater recognition and reward for faculty whose research serves national, state, regional and local needs.

“Students sometimes take extra credits, waste precious time, and spend hard earned money.... Improved academic and career advising services will help students reduce their credits, graduate on time, and prepare them for careers in Wisconsin, leaving students feeling highly satisfied with their educational experience.”

Renee Stieve on Advising as part of the United Council February 6, 2004 United Council 2005-07 Biennial Budget Priorities Presentation

UW SYSTEM FTE ENROLLMENTS VS GPR FACULTY



- **Research and Public Service Working Group**
Research Recommendation

Given that the 21st century economy will be knowledge-based, given that university research jobs are “brain gain” jobs for the state, given the University of Wisconsin System’s strong national reputation, and given UW-Madison’s exceptional success in attracting research funding, this committee recommends the explicit promotion and expansion of applied and basic academic research to foster development as a growth industry for the state of Wisconsin.

Re-defining Educational Quality

Budget Recommendations

A... fundamental ingredient in a quality education ... is library and technology resources. As the cost of these resources, and the number of students has increased, student access to essential library and technology resources that are central to the educational processes and practices in which students must be engaged in order to realize value added outcomes has diminished. Additional resources must be made available to institutions to address their most pressing specific needs in the areas of library and technology resources.

Research and Public Service Working Group
Research Recommendation

The committee recommends:

An effort to address infrastructure needs on the campuses to enhance research capacity, including:

- Funding to retain the UW System's top researchers in response to outside offers for more money
- Release time, summer salaries and training for faculty and staff
- Library resources

“The state of Wisconsin has one of the leading higher education systems in the country because of its talented and dedicated faculty and staff. However, declining state support for competitive salaries and benefits undoubtedly leads to faculty and staff leaving the state for higher paying jobs at other public and private institutions. UW student leaders believe firmly that faculty and staff salaries must remain competitive with peer institutions...in order to retain and attract the highest quality faculty and staff.”

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Re-defining Educational Quality

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- Augment the existing pool of faculty by increasing the number of faculty positions systemwide and,
- Provide a faculty pay plan that reverses the erosion of faculty salaries that has occurred in recent years, and that has impeded efforts to attract new, and retain existing faculty.

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| 2003-04 Reallocations for IT | \$14,099,379 |
| Act 33 Vetoes | 7,614,400 |
| 2003-04 Estimated Utilities Shortfall (UW Portion) | 3,619,900 |
| First Six Months of Health Insurance for Unclassified Staff | 2,448,000 |
| Increase in Insurance Premiums | 2,448,900 |
| Increase in Central Utilities Charges | 2,000,000 |
| Replacement of DVR funding for Disabled Students | 814,500 |
| State Human Resource System and Procurement Chargebacks | 369,900 |
| Total | \$33,414,979 |