

ATTACHMENT
UW System Letter to Joint Finance Committee, March 29, 2005
Statutory and Technical Language Changes

Efficiencies and Language Changes requested by the Board of Regents

- Permit the UW System to use higher education purchasing consortia.
- Permit UW System to assume cash management and investment responsibilities, to manage cash balances for higher returns, and to retain interest on tuition balances.
- Broaden program revenue position creation authority to include additional program revenue-funded appropriations.
- Extend existing Board of Regents' authority to set resident undergraduate tuition and application fees.
- Submit pay plan request directly to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations.

UW System recommended changes to Governor's Budget Proposal

- Eliminate DOA suspension of Regent's position creation authority.
- Move the date of required staff reductions **from** 2005-06 **to** 2006-07.
- Drop study of administrative salaries to be presented to the Secretary of DOA by December 31, 2006.
- Eliminate the report on UW System faculty position creation from period July 1, 2004 to July 1, 2006.
- Remove lapse of funds equal to the amount spent from a DOJ appropriation for legal services related to public broadcasting
- Exempt UW System from report to DOA on the annual "total cost of occupancy" of state owned buildings

Capital Budget Statutory Language Changes supported by UW System (Building Commission has recommended drafting)

- Increase the project enumeration threshold from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.
- Exempt projects that are 100% gift- or federally funded from enumeration.
- Increase the small project threshold from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Allow up to a 200% increase if the project is gift funded.
- Speed up the contract signing process by allowing the Governor to delegate signing of contracts up to \$1 million to Secretary of DOA.
- Increase the threshold for projects under the Governor's emergency authority from \$250,000 to \$500,000 to permit rapid response to emergencies.
- Raise the threshold allowing three solicited bids from \$30,000 to \$75,000.