UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

COLLEGES
The freshman/sophomore UW campuses

- UW-Barron County (Rice Lake)
- UW-Marathon County (Wausau)
- UW-Marshfield/Wood County
- UW-Baraboo/Sauk County
- UW-Richland (Richland Center)
- UW-Rock County (Janesville)
- UW-Fox Valley (Menasha)
- UW-Fond du Lac
- UW-Waukesha
- UW-Manitowoc
- UW-Sheboygan
- UW-Washington County (West Bend)
Report and Recommendations

The Commission on Enhancing the Mission of the UW Colleges

Chancellor David Wilson
UW Board of Regents - March 8, 2007
UW Colleges

Mission

• prepares students for baccalaureate success

• provides...accessible, affordable liberal arts education

• brings resources of the university to the state
UW Colleges – Who We Are

• Second Largest Number of Freshmen in the UWS

• Significant percentage (32%) are place-bound adult students

• Students of color are 7% of student body…
  #1 point of access for American Indian students
  #3 point of access for Asian American and Latino/Hispanic students
  #5 point of access for African-American students
UW Colleges – Who We Are

- Student family income is second lowest in the UWS.

- Lowest tuition ($4,500/year) yet 53% – 73% of our students need financial aid in that full amount

- UWC students graduate with baccalaureate degrees at a higher percentage than graduating students who transfer from other starting points such as WTCS, UW 4-year, or private institutions.
Chancellor’s Charge to the Commission

How can we…

• Improve on the mission
• Make effective use of limited resources
• Best meet needs of citizens
Commission Members

18 Statewide Members

5 Business Executives (Private/public)
2 Civic Leaders
2 Legislators
1 WTCS Administrator
1 UW 4-year Chancellor
2 UW Extension
5 UW Colleges Deans, Faculty, Administrator
Key Theme: Maximum Access and Success

Key Recommendations:

...Ease access for place-bound traditional and returning adult students

...Enhance opportunities for residents wherever they live

...Explore feasibility of residence halls
Key Theme: Maximum Collaborations

**Key Recommendations:**

...Expand University Center model on UWC campuses

...Grant restricted baccalaureate degree-granting authority to UWC

...Collaborate with UWS institutions, WTCS and UW-Extension
Key Theme: Funding, Insufficiencies, Ways and Means

Key Recommendations:

...Decrease dependence on student tuition dollars

...Revamp tuition structure

...Seek greater public investment
Key Theme: The Wisconsin Accord

Key Recommendations:

...Wisconsin makes a self-funding investment in higher education

...Ensure all residents who desire a degree have the opportunity
Next Steps Stemming from the Commission

• Assess Northern Wisconsin Higher Education Needs

• Expand Degree Programs and Delivery Mechanisms

• Explore University Center Model
Next Steps Stemming from the Commission

• Collaborate with UWS institutions, WTCS and UW-Extension

• Examine a new tuition structure

• Explore residence halls

• Seek more public investment
Commission on Enhancing the Mission of the UW Colleges

Living the Wisconsin Idea: Extending the UW Colleges’ liberal arts mission to the boundaries of the state and beyond