



COLLEGES

The freshman/sophomore UW campuses

UW-Barron County (Rice Lake)

UW-Marinette

UW-Marathon County (Wausau)

UW-Marshfield/ Wood County

UW-Baraboo/ UW-Fond du Lac Sauk County

UW-Fox Valley (Menasha)

UW-Richland UW-Waukesha (Richland Center)

> UW-Rock County (Janesville)

UW-Manitowoc UW-Sheboygan

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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





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



