



2011-13 BIENNIAL BUDGET

Board of Regents Meeting
July 14, 2011

UW Budget

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- \$250 million GPR reduction UW System
- 25% System Administration cut
- GPR funded positions for UWSA reduced by 51

UW Flexibilities - Budgeting

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Approves flexibility for all UW System colleges and universities

- GPR block grant for general program operations, and debt service appropriation

UW Flexibilities - Tuition

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- Removes statutory limitations on tuition
- Limits tuition increases to 5.5%, plus current differentials

UW Flexibilities – Human Resources

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- Authority for a supplemental pay plan with JCOER approval
- Allows for BOR-approved personnel systems for UW System colleges and universities
- UW Board of Regents and UW-Madison authorized to conduct collective bargaining
- UW employees not counted in state position counts beginning July 1, 2013
- \$12,000 dual employment cap removed

UW Flexibilities - Procurement

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- UW System Colleges and Universities given authority for purchasing contracts related to higher education
- Increases threshold for sealed bid to \$50,000
- Authorizes the Board to accept gifts of vehicles
- BOR authorized to establish travel policies beginning July 1, 2013

Special Task Force

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Special Task Force on Restructuring and Operational Flexibilities

17 members appointed by the Legislature and Governor.

Charged with addressing the following:

- Structure of the System
- Transitioning employees to new personnel system
- Tuition flexibility and the Legislature's role
- How pay plans should be determined
- Additional flexibilities that could be provided
- Improvement of articulation and transfer of credit between UW institutions

Special Task Force

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The Senate Majority Leader appoints 6 members and the Assembly Speaker appoint 6 members (12 total)

- Three business or public leaders
- Two current or former UW Chancellors or members of the Board of Regents
- One member from their respective houses

Special Task Force

- Senate and Assembly minority leaders each appoint one member from their respective houses
- Governor appoints two members
- The co-chairs of Joint Finance Committee appoint one member from the public to serve as the chairperson

WiscNet/Broadband

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- Requires a financial and performance audit on telecommunications services and the relationship with WiscNet by the Legislative Audit Bureau by January 1, 2013.
- Language prohibiting the University from being a member, shareholder or partner in any third party entity providing telecommunications services to anyone other than higher education institutions. This would take effect on July 1, 2013.

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- Deleted the prohibition from receiving or expending funds related to the Building Community Capacity through Broadband (BCCB) grant awarded to UW Extension.
- UW-Extension not allowed to commit any funds to facilities under the BCCB grant project that were not committed prior to June 15, 2011 unless approved by the Joint Committee on Finance.