ADVANCING UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRIORITIES IN THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 113TH CONGRESS

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The Importance of Federal Relations

- More than 30 percent of UW System’s budget comes from federal sources
- That is more than either tuition or state GPR
Federal Relations Goals

- Increase UW’s visibility
- Strengthen partnerships with Wisconsin’s delegation and federal agencies
- Work with UW institutions, higher ed. associations, Governor’s office, and groups with common UW interests
- Advocate for and expand federal support that will benefit UW students, faculty, institutions, and the state of Wisconsin
Priority #1: Promoting a Robust System of Federal Financial Aid

- About 127,000 students, or 70%, receive some form of financial aid
- 78% of that aid comes from federal sources
- TRIO and GEAR UP programs serve low-income, first-generation, and disabled students
- There is both significant AND unmet need for financial aid
Priority #2: Supporting Federal R&D Funding

- The NIH and NSF are major partners
- Our priority is to maintain strong federal R&D funding, most notably at NSF and NIH
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UW–Madison Federal Research Awards 2012
Total Awards: $610.9 million

- HHS 49%
- NSF 17%
- Other 4%
- Agriculture 3%
- Commerce 3%
- Education 4%
- Defense 4%
- Energy 13%
- NASA 3%

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Top 10 Institutions in Total Research Expenditures
(in billions)

1. John Hopkins University: $2.11B
2. University of Michigan-Ann Arbor: $1.32B
3. UW-Madison: $1.17B
4. University of Washington: $1.11B
5. UC-San Diego: $1.07B
6. UC-San Francisco: $1.03B
7. Duke University: $1.01B
8. UC-Los Angeles: $1.00B
9. Stanford University: $0.90B
10. Columbia University: $0.89B
## Priority #2: Supporting Federal R&D Funding

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Priority #3: Expanding Undergraduate Research

- UW System is viewed as a national leader in undergraduate research
- Expanding undergraduate research experiences reflects workforce needs
Priority #4: Reauthorizing Higher Education Act

- Issues include:
  - Financial aid for competency-based programs (Flex Option)
  - International education for two-year colleges

Priority #5: Monitoring Federal Regulation

- Postsecondary Institution Rating System
Moving Forward

- Increase our visibility. Three examples: Regent President Falbo, Incoming System President Cross, and Chancellor Blank
- Continue to champion efforts in a highly competitive arena
- UW research powers Wisconsin
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