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Subject: [FOR DISTRIBUTION] UW Restructuring Update - February 6, 2018

TO ALL LLS/PIOs

Hello everyone,

As we discussed on the PIO call this morning, below is a restructuring update for you to share with all UW employees on your campus. In addition to Steering Committee, Chancellor and other regular communications, we will provide you with a monthly update to share with faculty and staff as you wish. Please feel free to distribute immediately.

Thank you,
Stephanie

Restructuring Project Update

To keep UW employees informed of progress related to the restructuring project, we will send you periodic project updates. Our goal is to communicate the progress and status of the project, as well as the intent and impact of major project decisions.

The Project Communications Office (PCO) has been created to ensure that you, our stakeholders, and our customers all receive the most current and accurate information throughout the restructuring process. Consider these newsletters and wisconsin.edu/uw-restructure your trusted sources for information on the restructuring.

Project Overview

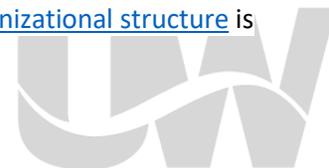
In October 2017, UW System President Ray Cross [proposed restructuring](#) UW Colleges and UW Extension to expand access to higher education in Wisconsin, while also addressing the enrollment and financial challenges that UW Colleges' two-year campuses have been facing due to the state's changing demographic. In November 2017, the Board of Regents [passed a resolution](#) allowing President Cross to proceed with planning and implementation to join UW Colleges' 13 two-year campuses with four-year comprehensive and research institutions.

1. **Expand access** and provide more educational opportunities to more students
2. **Leverage resources and shared talent** of our institutions at a time when overall enrollments at UW Colleges are declining. This is impacted by Wisconsin's demographic challenges of a declining birth rate and demand for a more educated workforce.
3. **Help ensure the future viability and sustainability of all our campuses** by addressing current and projected enrollment and financial challenges at the two-year institutions, while maintaining the important UW presence in local communities.

Implementation Planning

Since then, the [Restructuring Project Steering Committee](#) has been formed. The Steering Committee helps oversee the planning and implementation of the project. It is comprised of representatives from UW System Administration, UW Colleges and UW-Extension, and each of the other UW institutions. Shared governance groups are integral to this process, and the Steering Committee includes faculty, staff, and student representatives from each governance group who attend meetings as part of the planning and implementation process.

Other key project groups include regional restructuring teams chosen by the chancellor of the receiving four-year or research institutions, and functional teams tasked with overseeing specific project areas. The [organizational structure](#) is posted on the restructuring website.



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Planning Team Updates

Functional teams conduct implementation planning for functions that have a system-wide impact and identify common and consistent solutions that cross regions. Functional teams also review Regional team recommendations. Functional teams include:

- Athletics
- Bursars
- Facilities and Property
- Finance
- Financial Aid
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Libraries
- Procurement
- Registrars
- Student Information Systems (SIS)
- Student Recruitment
- Student Visas

Helpful Resources

- [Restructuring website](#)
 - FAQs
 - HLC application
 - Steering Committee updates and information
- [Submit questions online](#)
- [Subscribe to project updates](#)

Thank you,
Project Communications Office

