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E-mail from Chancellor Joe Gow

Update on Governor Evers' 2019-2021 State Budget Proposal

Dear students and colleagues:

As you may have seen in media accounts, Governor Tony Evers has now released his entire proposal for the 2019-2021 Wisconsin State Budget. Because the state budget is so essential to UW System institutions, my colleagues on the UWL leadership team and I want to be sure you are aware of the items in the Governor's proposal that will have the most direct ramifications for all of us here at UWL.

We are very grateful to the Governor for proposing the following:

- 1) A two-year continuation of the current tuition freeze for Wisconsin undergraduate students
- 2) A fully funded 2% pay increase in each year of the biennium for UW System faculty and staff in budgeted positions
- 3) Stable base funding for the UW System, as well as additional monies designed to create new programs and enhance existing ones (Here at UWL these additional monies will enable us to grow our Business and STEM programs, hire a full-time Diversity Educator and Trainer, and add positions in student advising and tutoring.)
- 4) State funding (\$83 million) for Phase II of our Prairie Springs Science Center
- 5) State approval to borrow the money (\$49 million) needed to construct our new Fieldhouse
- 6) State funding (\$29 million) to make much needed repairs in Graff Main Hall and our Coate and Sanford residence halls

I hope you will agree that this is a very strong budget proposal. It now will be taken up by legislators in both the State Assembly and Senate, and we hope they share Governor Evers' wisdom regarding the importance of investing in the UW System and campuses like ours. As we learn more information I'll be sure to share it with you.

Best wishes,

Joe

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