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E-mail sent to Joint Planning & Budget from Bob Hetzel  
19-21 State Budget Update

Colleagues,

Attached is the link to the Budget in Brief summary that was released on Thursday by the Department of Administration in conjunction with the issuance of Governor Evers' 2019-21 Executive Budget for the State of Wisconsin: <https://doa.wi.gov/budget/SBO/2019-21%20Budget%20in%20Brief.pdf>.

The budget proposal for Higher Education can be found on page 67 and proposes the following new funding for UW System in the 19-21 biennium:

- 25M for Capacity Building Initiatives
- Flexibility to use 17-19 performance funding for compensation
- 25.2M for GPR in general aid
- 5M for student support in the UW Colleges
- 10M for nurse educators
- 1.25M for UW-Extension

The Governor's budget also proposes a 2% pay plan for all state employees in each year of the 19-21 biennium. The pay plan for UW System has historically been funded on the basis of two-thirds by the state and one-third from tuition. For UWL, the cost of the tuition share for a 4% pay plan (2% in FY20 + 2% in FY21) amounts to approximately \$684,000. UW System is hopeful that the legislature will fully fund the cost of the pay plan.

Please note this is just the beginning of the 19-21 budget process and that the legislative Joint Finance Committee will be making changes to the Governor's budget proposals. However, this is a very good start to the 19-21 budget process and UW System is encouraged by Governor Evers' commitment to funding higher education.

I'll be providing our Joint Planning and Budget Committee with further updates about the 19-21 state budget as more information becomes available and also posting information to the UWL State Budget web site at <http://www.uwlax.edu/state-budget-info/>.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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