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

JPB Colleagues,

The State Building Commission met on Wednesday, March 20th, and did not approve any of the Governor's recommendations for the 2019-21 Capital Budget even though all the projects were unanimously approved in the Administrative Affairs and Higher Education subcommittee hearings that were held on Monday and Tuesday. The SBC members voted on each of the 82 projects and were deadlocked with a 4-4 split. As a result of the State Building Commission's action, the legislature's Joint Finance Committee will now develop the capital budget for the 19-21 biennium.

For more information on the State Building Commission's meeting and the 19-21 capital budget, you can reference the following articles:

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/2019/03/20/gop-rejects-tony-evers-2-5-billion-plan-building-projects/3227184002/>

https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/education/university/proposed-state-building-projects-in-jeopardy-as-commission-deadlocks/article_fe50e377-e657-5557-bab7-5cf5e69edad3.html

President Cross issued the following statement after the State Building Commission meeting:

"Today's votes do not diminish the need for a reinvestment in our repair and renovation projects throughout Wisconsin. Over 60% of our buildings are between 45 and 70 years old. The risks to safety, to our maintenance costs, and to Wisconsin's ability to attract and retain students are only growing. We look forward to continuing to make our case as the full legislature considers these capital projects."

UWL will continue to advocate with the legislature for the four capital projects that were approved for our campus by the Board of Regents and recommended by Governor Evers for the 19-21 capital budget. These projects include the Prairie Springs Science Center Phase II (\$83M), Fieldhouse (\$49M), Coate & Sanford Residence Hall Renovations (\$15M), and Graff Main Hall HVAC Renovation (\$14M).

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions about the 19-21 state budget.

Thank you,

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