

From: Campus Announcements

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Subject: Budget Update #14, COFAC administration proposal update

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

There has been a lot of discussion during the past two and a half months about our budget situation and how best to address the cuts we know are coming. Many ideas have been put on the table, some remain under discussion while others have been set aside. I think it is time to set aside the idea of eliminating the COFAC administrative structure from consideration in our present budget planning. There has been a lot of strong reaction from students, community members and university colleagues to the point it is clear that other avenues need to be explored. In short, we have heard you and are changing course accordingly.

This still leaves us with a significant budget gap and the need for new ideas and suggestions about how best to address it in the very near future. Therefore, Provost Summers will still be available on Friday at 1 p.m. in NFAC 221 to meet with COFAC faculty and staff as originally scheduled. Greg will try to provide some much needed context to this conversation, and to describe the ongoing budget challenges facing the university.

Thank you for your candor and good faith during the past few months, a period that has been as trying as any I've experienced in my career. I am grateful for the ongoing dialogue, and I look forward to continuing our work together to find the best way forward for UW-Stevens Point.

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