

From: Chancellor Bernie Patterson
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Subject: Update on state budget proposal

Dear students, faculty and staff,

Yesterday, Governor Walker released details regarding his upcoming budget proposal, which included the creation of a UW Authority and a \$300 million biennium budget cut to UW System. It is important to note the Governor's budget is a proposal and must still be voted on by the state legislature. However, we need to plan for what may be in our future. The proposed cuts would be devastating. If the proposed budget passes, we estimate UW-Stevens Point will lose approximately 17 percent of its state support, which is \$6 to \$7 million. Such a reduction in state support would likely result in layoffs.

Moving forward, our university will be holding forums to engage all of you in the budget conversation. The forums are scheduled as follows:

- Friday, January 30, 2-3 p.m., Alumni Room, DUC
- Wednesday, February 4, 1:30-2:30 p.m., CPS 116
- Monday, February 9, 9-10 a.m., Alumni Room, DUC

During the forums we hope to accomplish the following:

- Provide any updates and answer questions we know are being asked
- Give you an opportunity to ask questions, express concerns and offer suggestions
- Review what we do not yet know
- Explain the next steps.

In addition to the forums, either I or Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Greg Summers will be present at meetings of governance groups during the next three weeks to provide information and answer questions.

A list of 15 opportunities for student, faculty and staff involvement is attached. Governance meetings and forums are open to you. I strongly encourage you to participate in this campus process.

Outside the university, Legislative Liaison Rob Manzke and I have scheduled two days of visits with key legislators. Our community partners are voicing their support, and we are telling our story in the local and national news media. This morning's edition of Inside Higher Ed featured the [plight of the UW System and UW-Stevens Point](#). I am encouraged that media reports include the importance of tenure and shared governance as core institutions within the university. We will continue to support tenure and shared governance in the strongest possible terms.

As we proceed, it is important to remain true to our mission and values. We are mindful of decisions that directly impact our ability to deliver a quality educational experience for our students. We support honest, civil and open dialogue, and respect the contributions of all.

Bernie L. Patterson

Chancellor

**Campus Involvement Plan—Budget Adjustment Discussions
University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point**

Friday, January 23

Strategic Planning Committee (2:00 pm)

Tuesday, January 27

Vice Chancellors and Deans (noon)

Wednesday, January 28

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (3:00 pm)

Thursday, January 29

Student government Association (6:15 pm)

Friday, January 30

First campus open forum (2:00-3:00 p.m., Alumni Room, DUC)

Monday, February 2

Classified Staff Council (10:00 am)

Academic Staff Council (3:00 pm)

Wednesday, February 4

Second campus open forum (1:30-2:30 p.m., Room 116, CPS)

Faculty Senate (3:00 pm)

Thursday, February 5

Student Government Association (6:15 pm)

Friday, February 6

Budget Review and Advisory Committee (9:00 am; to meet weekly going forward, time TBD)

Monday, February 9

Third campus open forum (9-10 a.m., Alumni Room, DUC)

Academic Staff Council (TBD called meeting)

Tuesday, February 10

Classified Staff Council (TBD called meeting)

Fourth campus open forum (tentative, if needed)

Vice Chancellors and Deans (1:30 pm)

Wednesday, February 11

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (3:00 pm)

Vice Chancellors and Deans (4:00 pm)

Wednesday, February 18

Faculty Senate (3:00 pm)