

THE POINTER PARTNERSHIP

at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Table 1. Pointer Partnership Investments

The Pointer Partnership will:	To accomplish this, we must invest in:	Cost Per Semester for Students
Helping students graduate on time, decreasing the overall cost of your education by:	Eliminating undergraduate course bottlenecks by adding 160 additional class sections	\$88
Providing all students greater academic support	Adding a many as 12 academic advisers in high demand areas	\$46
Maintaining access to UW-Stevens Point for students with the greatest financial need	Financial Aid Support	\$66
Total Investment Related to The Pointer Partnership (when fully implemented)	\$3,516,880	\$200 (\$400 annually)



The Pointer Partnership is a differential tuition proposal. Differential tuition is a separate tuition, over and above the base tuition set annually by the Board of Regents. Simply put, the three-year campaign to create and consider the Pointer Partnership is an example of representative student government at its finest. It is an effort led by students, shaped by students, and ultimately decided by students.

Do other campuses have differential tuition?

Differential tuition is currently in place at each four-year university in the UW System except UW-Green Bay, UW-Parkside and UW-Stevens Point. The largest differential tuition plans among the comprehensive universities are at UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse, which along with UW-Madison have consistently led UW System in student success (retention and graduation rates).

Is differential tuition affordable?

Increasing the cost of education is a serious matter deserving careful consideration. This is why the Pointer Partnership is three years in the making. We must balance access with our obligation to provide the best education possible. Our students have repeatedly said they are willing to invest in high-quality experiences and the opportunity to graduate on time. Currently, UW-Stevens Point is the second most affordable four-year university in the UW System (Table 2).

When the Pointer Partnership is approved, we will still remain affordable. We will be ranked below five of the four-year universities in affordability, placing UW-Stevens Point near the median. It is not our goal to be the least expensive option in the UW System, but rather to provide the very best education possible for our students at a fair and reasonable price.

Throughout the past three academic years, significant feedback regarding the Pointer Partnership was received from thousands of students across campus. In response to student feedback and survey results thus far, members of the Student Government Association (SGA) have made numerous changes to the Pointer

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Differential tuition at UW-Stevens Point will:

- help students graduate on time, decreasing the overall cost of their education,
- increase the quality and value of education at UW-Stevens Point and thereby increase the prestige of a UW-Stevens Point degree, and
- maintain access for students with the greatest financial needs.

Table 2. Cost of Attendance - UW System (2014-15)

Institution	Total Cost of Attendance	Tuition & Fees	Room & Meals
Madison	18,956	10,410	8,546
Milwaukee	18,285	9,391	8,894
Eau Claire	15,316	8,541	6,775
La Crosse	14,531	8,621	5,910
Platteville	14,376	7,326	7,050
Oshkosh	14,139	7,437	6,702
Stout	14,131	7,697	6,434
Superior	14,079	7,994	6,085
Parkside	14,022	7,326	6,696
River Falls	13,988	7,604	6,384
Green Bay	13,958	7,758	6,200
Stevens Point	13,877	7,487	6,390
Whitewater	13,586	7,442	6,144



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It seems clear the resources generated by differential tuition influence student success. Unfortunately the resource gap among our comprehensive universities continues to grow.

Table 3. Dollars Generated in FY15

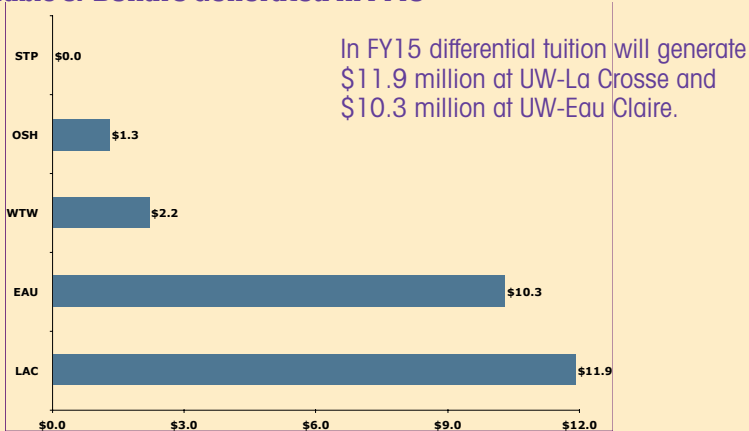
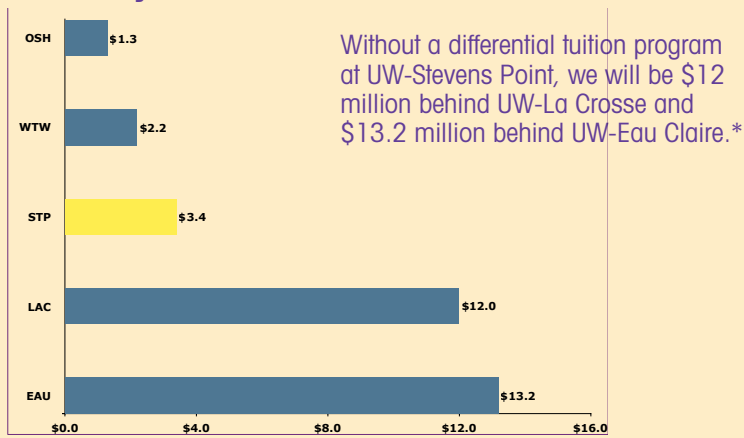


Table 4. Projected Dollars Generated in FY16



UW-Stevens Point should be given the same opportunity to provide our students with the best possible programs and support services proven to be so successful at other universities in the UW System.

* This assumes UW-La Crosse and UW-Eau Claire's full differential amounts, approved by the Board of Regents, are not prevented by a tuition freeze.

HOW DO WE COMPARE?

Partnership. These modifications include the following significant changes to the initial Pointer Partnership proposal:

- The Pointer Partnership will have a three-year graduated implementation plan based on class level, with entering first-year students paying the full rate and seniors paying the least. The proposal initially outlined a two-year implementation plan in which all students paid half the amount in the first year and the full amount beginning with the second year.
- The Pointer Partnership Advisory Board (PPAB) will consist of eight voting members, six students and two members of the faculty, in which students comprise a 75 percent majority. The original proposal outlined an advisory board comprised of four students and four faculty/staff members.
- The PPAB and SGA may both, at any time, request a re-evaluation of the Pointer Partnership if either group feels the initiative is no longer successful in accomplishing its purposes. If the PCAB votes a negative appraisal of the Pointer Partnership in two consecutive years, both PPAB and the chancellor will recommend to the Board of Regents to end differential tuition. The initial proposal had no such escape clause; the Pointer Partnership will be the only differential tuition plan in the UW System with such a provision.

“Many Pointers are facing the possibility of not having enough credits to enroll full time. Every course required for our majors is full because few sections are available. This is just not right; we should have the opportunity to take full advantage of our tuition. Paying a few extra hundred dollars in comparison to thousands of dollars to remain in school an extra semester or two would be more than worth it. I hope the differential tuition is a success.”

-Matthew, Geneva, Illinois (communication to SGA)

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