

Linda Hunt Bunnell

2004-2009

UWSP'S 13th chancellor, Linda Hunt Bunnell, came to campus in 2004 and resigned in 2009 after a controversial tenure marked by votes of non-support from the Student Government Association and the UWSP Foundation Board of Directors. She returned to her consulting firm in Denver, Colo.

During her tenure, UWSP developed its first campus master plan for physical growth in 40 years. It charted a course for academic program expansion, including additions of programs in health sciences and biochemistry, and awarded its first doctoral degrees in audiology in partnership with UW-Madison.

During that time, the university's enrollment was its highest in 17 years. It was named Wisconsin's "greenest university" by the Princeton Review and Newsweek ranked it among America's "most interesting" universities.

Bunnell was among the first university leaders in the nation to sign the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment and she established the university's first sustainability task force.

Before coming to UWSP, Bunnell served the College Board as senior vice president for higher education and as chancellor of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs for eight years. A Texas native, she holds a bachelor's degree from Baylor University and master's and Ph. D. degrees in English literature from the University of Colorado at Boulder.