

From: Campus Announcements
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 5:08 PM
Subject: Campus Announcements - Budget Update

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

As we continue to analyze the Governor's entire proposed budget, which is in excess of 600 pages, we are finding additional information impacting the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Several programs at UW-Stevens Point are supported through state segregated funds, which are different than the state tax support the university receives through the UW System budget.

In addition to the anticipated \$6.4 million base budget cut for UW-Stevens Point, \$1,524,473 in funding for programs at our university has been excluded from the Governor's proposed budget. Below is a list of programs impacted.

College of Letters and Science

Aquaculture (fund 156), scheduled for FY17 - \$417,500, four FTE

College of Natural Resources

Environmental Education (fund 160), scheduled for FY16 - \$130,000

Environmental Education (fund 164), scheduled for FY17 - \$200,000

WI Bioenergy Initiative-WIST (fund 167), scheduled for FY16 - \$440,000, four FTE

Extension Recycling (fund 168), scheduled for FY16 - \$99,473, one FTE

Grants-Forestry (fund 169), scheduled for FY17 - \$83,300, one FTE

Environmental Program Grants (fund 170), scheduled for FY17 - \$100,000, one FTE

Solid Waste Research (fund 190), scheduled for FY16 - grants received periodically

Outdoor Skills Training-BOW (fund 157), scheduled for FY17 - \$53,700, one FTE

Our faculty and staff have an amazing ability to see the connections between industry, education and research. The cuts to the segregated funding hurt innovative and entrepreneurial programs that stimulate economic growth in the state of Wisconsin.

Some of you have seen the Legislative Audit Bureau table (attached to this email) showing possible reductions to each comprehensive institution based on the FY15 budget. The table shows UW-Stevens Point's potential cut at 17 percent, the third highest in the UW System. When we add the segregated funds, we are likely proportionately the most impacted university in the System. Our analysis continues, and we will keep you posted.

While all this news is difficult to hear, I share it so we are all informed of the facts surrounding the difficult decisions ahead. This will be a marathon, not a sprint, so I encourage all of you to take care of yourselves and one another in the coming months.

Sincerely,
Bernie L. Patterson