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Subject: Campus Announcements - Budget Email 15: Update on Budget Advocacy Efforts

Dear Faculty, Staff and Students,

UW System President Ray Cross has asked all campuses for a summary of advocacy efforts related to the state budget proposal. As I share our efforts with him, I thought you might also be interested in this report. The Student Government Association, community and business leaders, alumni, other friends, as well as university leadership have advocated on behalf of our institution. The attached document shows the breadth of our efforts to reduce the proposed budget cuts and create needed flexibilities. It details our meetings with state legislators and media outlets, news reports and communications to campus.

It was disappointing to learn Wednesday that state tax revenue projections remain flat. Our efforts are even more important to continue advocating for lower cuts, more flexibility and a dedicated funding structure.

You will have an opportunity to share your thoughts with President Cross on Friday, May 8. President Cross will host a campuswide Open Forum from 1:30-2:15 p.m. in the Alumni Room, Dreyfus University Center.

Thank you for your feedback and support during the past few months. I will continue to provide updates to you throughout the summer months as the state budget is finalized. You can stay informed by visiting the UW-Stevens Point budget page at www.uwsp.edu/chancellor/Pages/budget.aspx.

Sincerely,

Bernie L. Patterson
Chancellor

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