

**From:** Campus Announcements

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Dear faculty, staff and students,

Although the state legislature and the governor have not yet completed the 2015-17 biennial budget, here is an update on the tentative UW System-wide plan to distribute the GPR funding reductions.

The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) omnibus motion approved May 29 restored \$50 million of the \$300 million GPR reduction originally proposed by Governor Walker. The omnibus stipulates that the Board of Regents distribute the \$50 million to “aid UW institutions that are most impacted by the GPR base reduction.”

The UW System’s tentative plan is to allocate the \$50 million across the UW institutions. This plan would restore \$1.3 million of GPR base to UW-Stevens Point.

Adjustments to fringe benefits are also included in the JFC version, which would restore \$339,300 to the FY16 UW-Stevens Point base budget for fringe benefits. The overall change in base funding between the Governor’s initial budget reduction (\$7,425,800) and the current JFC version (\$5,758,600) as outlined in the System distribution equals \$1,667,200.

These figures do not include reductions in segregated program funds, which initially totaled \$1.4 million. Nearly \$800,000 has been restored. A total of \$517,000 was restored for the Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility, which includes an \$100,000 increase recommended by JFC; and Paper Science and Engineering’s paper machine operation was restored and increased to \$124,400 by JFC. Also, approximately \$153,000 was restored to environmental education program grants and Becoming an Outdoors Woman program.

UW System is also distributing a one-time allocation of \$331,500 to UW-Stevens Point from resources remaining in a System-wide fund balance.

The UW Board of Regents will meet July 9, 2015, to review and act on the UW System recommendations.

As I have noted before, nothing is final until the legislature completes work on the budget and it is signed by the governor.

We all wonder when this will come to a close. A few more steps – most of which are beyond our control – will play out in the days, perhaps weeks, ahead.

When the budget is signed and we know our final numbers, university leadership will work with our Budget Review and Advisory Committee and shared governance groups to discuss how to strategically invest any funds redistributed by the UW System. I will provide updates as new information is available.

Thank you for your perseverance and resolve to keep UW-Stevens Point a wonderful place to work and learn.

Sincerely,

Chancellor Bernie L. Patterson

(The latest memo from President Cross detailing this information, available for release today, is attached and available on the [campus budget website](#).)

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