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Dear faculty and staff,

Here is an update on budget reductions at UW-Stevens Point. Recently, UW System officials asked all campuses for information on position reductions resulting from the budget cut. In all, 76.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions were or will be eliminated at UW-Stevens Point as a result of reductions in state support. This includes 42.3 positions cut prior to Oct. 1.

Last spring, we anticipated needing to eliminate more than 100 positions. While the loss of 76.5 positions is substantial, it is less than initially expected.

Although we were able to manage FY16 with no involuntary layoffs, work on FY17 continues. It's too soon to know if any additional FTE reductions will be required.

After consultation with the vice chancellors and other campus leaders, we have decided an additional Voluntary Separation Incentive Program (VSIP) will not be needed this fall. Given the fluidity of our situation, we will re-evaluate VSIP in spring 2016.

The loss of 76.5 FTE positions is very significant. I know many of you have taken on additional duties and are feeling the impact of serving our students with fewer colleagues. Thank you for your dedication to our students and commitment to providing a quality educational experience.

Sincerely,

Chancellor Bernie Patterson

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