



Memorandum

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To: University Community  
From: Gary L. Miller *Gary L. Miller*  
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Subject: 2017-18 University Business Meeting

The first two months of our fall semester have been exceptionally busy and exciting. Last week's approval by the UW System Board of Regents to reorganize UW Colleges offers a unique opportunity to work with colleagues in Marinette, Manitowoc and Sheboygan to develop and deliver a regional higher education vision. We are conducting the final work to prepare our engineering proposal for the Board of Regents (BOR) in February. In addition, the late approval of the state budget has left unresolved a number of important issues related to how the System budget will be deployed. Among these are the compensation package and performance funding formula. These are to be taken up in the next BOR meeting.

Because of this, I am rescheduling the University Business Meeting originally scheduled for November 17, 2017 to January 26, 2018 at 1:30 pm and 3 pm. At that time, we will be in a much better position to share details with you on all of these important topics.

There are a few items I would like to comment on at this time.

### ***Financial Update***

Thanks to the work of everyone on campus, we are making progress in growing enrollment which is essential for our long-term financial stability. However, our work to ensure long-term fiscal health is not finished. We will need to continue to balance fiscal discipline with preparation and optimism. As budgeting gets underway this fall for 2018-2019, each division with GPR funds will be asked to undertake a proactive exercise to identify a proportional amount towards achieving a \$600,000 expense reduction. Fall 2018 enrollment results will dictate our need to activate this reduction. A Fall 2018 enrollment increase of 88 full-time students will negate the need for an expense reduction. This Fall's enrollment success (an increase of 51 full-time students) suggests we are on the right trajectory. I am confident we can accomplish this and ask you for your ongoing support, in ways large and small, to participate and support our recruitment efforts.

### ***Colleges Reorganization***

The UW System's decision to reorganize, adding three campuses and joining us with three wonderful communities, will require an extraordinary amount of work. Clif Ganyard has agreed to lead us in this effort. We will visit the three campuses this week after which Clif will begin recruiting many of you to assist in this effort. I hope you will agree to participate.

### ***Staying the Course***

I am optimistic because we are focused on the right things at the right time for the right students in our region. Our commitment to growth, increased access, diversity, student success, and meeting the needs of the regional community is resonating with students, donors, employers, educators and taxpayers. With your help, we have significantly increased the number of local high school students choosing UW-Green Bay, grown our Great Phoenix Starts (GPS) program to drive student success, and invested in the Library Commons and Student Success Center. In addition, our new Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Climate has energized our diversity and inclusivity efforts within our campus and beyond. Thank you for your role in those efforts.

We have much to be proud of during these first months of the 17-18 academic year. We have more work ahead. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we move this meeting into early 2018. I am grateful that we are collaborating and tackling our challenges together and look forward to sharing more details at our January 26 meeting.

c: Chancellor's Cabinet