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Chancellor

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MEMORANDUM

TO: UW-Green Bay Community

FROM: Gary L. Miller *Gary L. Miller*

SUBJECT: Governor Evers Signs 2019-21 Budget

Today Governor Tony Evers signed the 2019-21 budget into law. This bill is the most significant piece of legislation for our building and funding needs for two years. The process leading up to this point began immediately after the signing of the 2017-19 budget, and has gone through many iterations to get to this point. I want to take the opportunity to break down the significance of the budget as it relates to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. I will discuss it in two parts 1.) Operational, and 2.) Capital

1.) Operational:

- a. **\$247,500 annually of gaming revenues to UW-Green Bay's First Nations Program.** The funds will be used for our new Ed.D. and First Nations program. This is the amount that the Oneida Nation pays the state in tribal gaming revenues as part of the state compact and will go to the growth and maintenance of the program.
- b. **2+2% pay raise.** After approval by the Joint Committee on Employee Relations, all University employees will receive a 2% raise in both January 2020 and January 2021.
- c. **Additional \$45,000,000 to be authorized upon a plan presented to and voted on by the Joint Committee on Finance.** The University System will receive the same baseline of funding from the 2017-19 budget with an additional \$45,000,000 over the biennium (\$22,500,000 annually). The UW System will come up with a plan on how to distribute the \$45,000,000 to the 13 Universities.
- d. **Tuition Freeze.** Tuition for the UW System will remain frozen for two additional years as the tuition levels in the 2017-19 budget.

2.) Capital:

- a. **MAC and Wood Hall Exterior Envelope Repair:** As part of a \$90,000,000 authorization, UW-Green Bay will be able to complete a significant maintenance project on two key academic buildings.
- b. **Instructional Services Electrical Engineering Technology Laboratory Renovation:** UW-Green Bay will remodel a significant portion of Instructional Services for Electrical Engineering Technology. This project is estimated to cost \$5,763,500.

We were disappointed the Governor decided to remove, by veto, the planning money included in the budget for the Cofrin Library. We will continue to work with the Governor and the Legislature to secure resources for this essential campus project. We continue to make strides to bring a high quality educational experience to Northeast Wisconsin thanks to our many external constituents and our outstanding students, faculty and staff. Thank you.

- c: Council of Trustees
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