

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

In Joint Session with

B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee

CREATING UW'S FUTURE: MEETING THE GRAND CHALLENGES

2007-09 Biennium Budget Requests to the State

Discussion Outline as of May 10, 2006

GOAL 1. Attract a diverse and excellent student body and provide a rich learning experience

A great strength of the UW is that it brings together a diverse group of undergraduate and graduate students, professional students, and postdoctoral scholars to learn and discover in a dynamic and comprehensive academic environment. Our challenge is to transform their lives through learning that emphasizes critical thinking and experiential discovery. Their learning experiences at UW will enable them to become responsible leaders in a complex global environment.

OBJECTIVES

1. Attract a diverse student body
2. Improve and enhance the learning environment for our students
3. Increase the number of scholarships and amount of financial aid
4. Prepare students for positions in a complex global environment by learning experiences abroad and service learning at home.
5. Attract and retain the best graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from the nation's and the world's best universities
6. Provide undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral fellows career and leadership training

GOAL 2. Attract and retain an outstanding and diverse faculty and staff

The excellence of our faculty and staff is the foundation upon which we carry out our mission of leading in learning, scholarship and discovery. They are committed to ever-increasing academic excellence, to solving the most challenging problems, and to translating their discoveries into improving lives, sustaining the environment and driving the economy. We are committed to recruiting, enabling and retaining a world-class faculty.

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide competitive compensation for faculty and staff
2. Increase the diversity of our faculty and staff
3. Facilitate collaborations in learning and discovery
4. Provide stronger support for leadership and career development in order to attract and retain the best faculty and staff

GOAL 3. Expand the reach of the UW across the globe

Our geographical location, our rich culture of collaboration, and our research strengths position us in a unique place to pursue global partnerships in teaching, research, and entrepreneurial activities. We will strive to promote multicultural understanding through expanded meaningful opportunities for our faculty and students to study and discover abroad. These experiences will benefit both UW and our global partners.

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop global educational and research programs
2. Increase the number of student and faculty study and perform scholarly work abroad
3. Innovate interdisciplinary programs to strengthen management of global affairs
4. Increase partnerships with local, regional, and global industries and businesses to enhance our global competitiveness

GOAL 4. Strengthen interdisciplinary research and scholarship to tackle “grand challenge” problems that will benefit society and stimulate economic development

One of the greatest strengths of UW is its longstanding culture of collaboration and innovative interdisciplinary research and teaching. Faculty have identified major opportunities that no single person could tackle alone but that groups must address to have the biggest impact on the progress in the field. Opportunities for discoveries and innovative learning modalities have never been greater. We will strive to enable cross-disciplinary opportunities and to reward faculty who invest time and energy in these endeavors.

OBJECTIVES

1. Pursue targeted areas of research to further our strength in areas of funding opportunity
2. Provide the infrastructure to enable efficient communication to develop innovative and novel collaborations
3. Provide facilities and equipment to increase research capacity
4. Attract and train the most highly qualified graduate students and postdoctoral fellows

GOAL 5. Insure the highest level of integrity, compliance, and stewardship.

The UW will continue to foster respect for the highest level of integrity in all of our activities. We will insure that we utilize best practices university-wide while protecting the UW's decentralized collaborative and entrepreneurial culture.

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide workshops to consult and inform faculty of new guidelines, rules and regulations
2. Maintain and enhance information security to safeguard sensitive data
3. Establish process and activities to manage all enterprise risks with respect to compliance, finance, operations, strategy and reputation
4. Oversee and improve UW's culture of compliance
5. Provide means for early identification, education, and debate on risks of strategic importance.