More than 150 campus units are increasing their efficiency through the LEAN management philosophy. Meanwhile, instructors are providing students with enhanced digital learning opportunities to promote critical thinking and facilitate collaboration. The results? Operating costs are being reduced and quality of both campus services and student learning continues to improve.

Change in Action

The UW has saved over $100 Million in administrative costs since the beginning of the Recession.

Replacing Legacy Procurement Systems
Procurement Services’ efforts to migrate legacy system purchases to new ones have resulted in substantial cost savings.

Improved Fiscal Services for Campus
Tuition payments are accepted online and financial aid and refunds are disbursed via direct deposit.

Savings from University-wide Contracts
Purchasing Services has achieved savings by establishing and reforming University-wide contracts.

Cloud Computing & Infrastructure Savings
UW information Technology is saving the University millions of dollars annually by negotiating new campus-wide software agreements, implementing strategic sourcing on hardware and other purchases, and utilizing “the cloud” for various IT solutions.

Energy and Utility Savings
Through conservation measures, UW has realized significant savings in energy and utility costs. UW has also avoided millions in disposal costs by recycling instead of sending to landfills.

The UW is using cutting-edge technology to expand educational access, improve teaching quality, and improve student learning outcomes.

Using Technology to “Flip” the Classroom
Instructors are integrating simulations, tutorials, videos, eTexts, and other digital tools into course curriculum. Traditional office hours are being reinvented by conducting them online. Faculty are using video feedback on student essays, and leveraging the web – so students can search content and collaborate with classmates.

Improving Student Advising & Planning
A new “MyPlan” online academic planning tool is now available to all UW students. The tool makes it easier to find courses, develop an academic plan, track progress, get adviser input, and help students complete degrees on time.

E-Textbooks Project
UW-IT is partnering with vendors to enable 30 courses, serving 30,000 students, to get access to digital versions of textbooks along with other education resources.

Expansion of Online Education
UW offers 39 certificate and 15 degree programs online, along with a variety of courses. A partnership with Coursera provides free access to massive open online courses (MOOCs). UW is also developing an online degree completion program aimed at helping adults with some college finish their degree.