Starting in the summer of 2009, the Two Years to Two Decades (2y2d) Initiative asked nearly 1000 faculty, students, staff and community stakeholders for input on where they want the UW to be in 20 years and what matters most to them in light of current challenges.

Based on initial findings, 2010-11 focus groups identified six of society’s major issues they felt the UW should work to solve in the coming decades: Environmental Sustainability & Clean Energy, Education, Health, Social Justice & Inequality, Educated & Engaged Local/Global Citizens, and Economic Vitality.

Combined raw data of Health-related comments from Faculty groups are listed below.

Participant responses fell under the following headings:

Health
Social Wellbeing
Health, Youth and Aging, Quality of Life
Health care - increasing access
Health/Care

Individual responses, roughly grouped by topic, appear below:

- Population growth, (unequal) aging
- Increasing life expectancy; activity and care of aging community
- Elder care
- Aging society
- Maintaining social benefits as people live longer
- Aging population - affects health, housing, money, politics, everything
- Helping the aging baby boomers age gracefully
- Aging and healthcare
- Aging
- Aging
- Life after 65 or 68
- Our population is aging - how to maintain prosperity & productiveness with age?
- Aging baby boomers and their impact on nation's economy, workforce, and health care system
- aging population globally
- Aging population (demographics)
- Aging population & needs
- older adult medicinal needs

- Ensuring that children, adolescents, and young adults thrive
- Linking elders to youth
- Childhood econ/social disadvantage
- Childcare
In the west and midwest - university medical centers lead in health care to nation - we can't slip
Preparing healthcare workers in future
Education for better health
Education for scientists of the future
Keep growing south campus (Med. School)
Capacity to navigate global complexities (institutional, environmental, etc.)
Interdisciplinary
interprofessional education structure
math skills
sciences
neuroscience
We are too slow in understanding the new
cost effectiveness eg. Disease Control and Prevention Network, $30 million to UW from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Personalized healthcare
Work-life balance
Helping people take accountability for their health and wellbeing
Healthy living for the US citizens
Healthcare quality
Clinical care, financial, technology to support independence, architecture, etc.
Smart healthcare for better quality of life
"life course" google it to define
coordinate global mental health efforts, weave in cultural impact
mental/social health issues
nutrition - over and under

Disparities in healthcare
Narrowing health disparity gap
Health disparities
New approaches needed to decrease homelessness
social determinants of health
Health disparities
healthcare reform
health equity
continuous quality improvement
coordinated and continuous health care

Global health and the environment (Seattle as center(?)
Globalization (health)
practicing culturally-sensitive medicine abroad
global health
global health
global access to health care/models
global health
continue SOM model of leveraging more research and infrastructure growth through grants, increase global outreach
global health as topic for social engineering
global health
• Problems: global health
  • Global partnerships, respect

• Health care delivery/technology
  • Education, Energy, Technology, Political Climate are foundational for other issues (eg. Health, medical care, clean water, etc.)
  • Using genome information for health
  • Translation of research findings to people
  • Science to practice
  • Understand and improve information management everywhere; health, economy, social services
  • New treatments innovation in health care and delivery

• Reducing healthcare costs
  • Access to healthcare
  • Affordable healthcare
  • Affordable healthcare
  • Increasing income gap
  • Cost of healthcare
  • Healthcare cost
  • Healthcare cost & availability

• Public health
  • Healthcare access, link between health and inequality
  • Healthcare cost containment
  • Distribution and low cost diagnostics globally
  • Reduce 18% of GDP spent on healthcare by improving HC delivery

• Public health
  • Inexpensive health care
  • Access to healthcare
  • Access to healthy food
  • Access to healthcare
  • Public health systems
  • Public health: sanitation, water supply
  • Public health option vs. emergency rooms

• Obesity epidemic
  • Infectious disease
  • Resistant bacteria
  • Addressing and reducing childhood obesity

• Preventive healthcare
  • Diagnostic medicine tools
  • Antibiotic, vaccines, disease prevention
  • Disease prevention - vaccines, obesity, smoking, accidents

• Dealing with fallout from social security cuts (eg. mental health)
  • Medicare/Medicaid/Social Security funding

• Open-minded thinking from the top
  • Health (=) environment interactions
  • Interconnectedness of health, environment, & "medical care"
  • Urbanism
- form of urban settlement, walkable communities, energy, sustainability
- encourage, formalize, reward interaction between programs in health, finance, infrastructure, education