# University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

**Senate Budget Committee Meeting Results**

**Meeting Title:** Senate Budget Committee Meeting

**Date/Time:** 9-26-2013 3:30PM

**Location:** OL2102

**Duration:** 60 minutes

## 1. PURPOSE of MEETING/AGENDA:

Agenda follows:

- Agenda
- Elect a chair
- Dave/Stephanie bring us up to speed

## 2. KEY OBJECTIVES/BENEFITS/DELIVERABLES:

- Keep everyone current on progress

## 3. ATTENDEES/PARTICIPANTS:

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## 4. APPROACH/FORMAT (including Meeting Facilitator):

- Chip

## 5. PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS / TASKS:

*Form Completed by: Chip*  
*Date: 10-08-2012*
MEETING CLOSURE COMMENTS

SUMMARY OF MEETING DISCUSSION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Elect a Chair
Chip Eckardt was elected

Dave/Stephanie bring us up to speed
Dave went over where we are today.
UW-Eau Claire is fiscally strong today
We are sitting better financially that a number of other campuses
The mandated two year tuition freeze that causes several things to happen
1-we were not allowed to put in the final increase for the Blugold Commitment that the students voted for and was planned
2-we will be using our reserves to cover the costs of several things that were in place that were depending upon the planned Blugold Commitment dollars. Faculty that had already had a signed contract, etc.
3-Base budget reductions of $2,638,113 in FY14 and an additional base reduction of $501,336 in FY15 Dave recommended to Chancellor that we cover the shortfall in budget this year from central reserve funds.
But Chancellor makes the final call.
There have been only two times since UW-System was formed that we had a year with no tuition increase.
After both of those years tuition jumped substantially in the following years.
There has never been a time when we froze tuition for two years in a row.
We do not know what the political climate will be towards having a significant tuition increase for FY16.
If we do not have one we will likely be in fiscal distress.
There has been some talk of campuses funding the deficits at other UW Campuses. Some UW-Campuses have never broken even for years. Is there any appetite to close these campuses? Answer is most likely not.
But this will be an additional financial expense for campuses like Eau Claire.
Other costs keep going up—software licenses like Adobe, gas, electricity, cleaning supplies, etc.
Dave felt there was light at the end of the table and he was mostly confident it was not an oncoming train.

2. ACTIONS ITEMS/OPEN ISSUES:
The following action items and assignments were made.

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