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Governor Tony Evers’ proposed 2019-21 UW System operating budget

- Increase funding by $43,692,600 in FY20 and $65,992,600 in FY21.

- The budget also provides $40.4 million for a 2% pay plan increase for UW System employees in January of each fiscal year, bringing the total increase investment in UW System to $150 million.

- Capacity Building Initiatives: UW System will receive a $45 million increase over the biennium, $20 million in FY20 and $25 in FY21, to distribute to each campus to allow them to meet the individualized needs of their regions. UW-Eau Claire’s capacity building initiatives include the Nursing for Northwest Wisconsin initiative based in Barron County, and new health sciences programs in bioinformatics and biomedical engineering.

- UW Colleges – Student Support Services: To ensure that student support services are not sacrificed during UW System’s restructure, the budget will provide $5 million over the biennium.

- Freeze Undergraduate Resident Tuition: The governor’s budget will freeze undergraduate resident tuition but will provide UW System with $50.4 million over the biennium to provide resources for operations.

- Nurse Educators Program: The governor’s budget provides $10 million in FY20 for the nurse educators program.

- UW-Extension County Agriculture Representatives: This provision provides $3.5 million and 20 FTE for UW-Extension County Agriculture Representatives.

- The governor’s budget provides $500,000 over the biennium for the LEAF program, a K-12 forestry education program.

- Resident Tuition for Undocumented Residents: This proposal will allow undocumented Wisconsin residents to pay resident tuition rates at UW System and WTCS.

- Student Loan Refinancing Authority Study: This proposal provides $50,000 for a student loan refinancing authority study involving the Department of Financial Institutions, the Higher Educational Aids Board, and the State Treasurer.

- Wisconsin Grants: This proposal provides an additional $17.4 million for need-based grants to resident undergraduate students.