Our UW System schools have an integral role in developing Wisconsin's workforce. Wisconsin is in a global competition to educate and retain talent. Investments need to be made in our universities to ensure we can educate and train Wisconsin's workforce for the future. The following contains information on the operating and capital budgets approved by the Board of Regents at the August 2022 meeting.

Operating Budget

The following represents a significant investment by the State that is necessary to allow UW System to continue to effectively serve Wisconsin.

- Request a 4% increase in each year of the biennium to offset operational cost increases.
    - $115.0 million
- Request a 4% increase in each year of the biennium to support the pay plan.
    - In addition, request the full amount of the pay plan be supported rather than the traditional 70/30 split.
    - $123.1 million
- Request funds in year 2 of the biennium for the Wisconsin Tuition Promise.
    - See additional details on flip side of this document.
    - $24.5 million
- UW System will work with the Legislature to put forward other initiatives to help support and advance the state in the coming legislative session.

Capital Budget

UW System continues to need investment in our infrastructure. At the same time, that investment needs to be smartly targeted and capable of adapting to the evolving trends in educating a workforce. Our focus continues to be repairing aging facilities, upgrading existing facilities, eliminating obsolete facilities, expanding STEM and Health Sciences Education, and promoting improved planning.

- We continue to see significant price increases due to inflation and delays caused by supply chain issues.
- Major categories of requested investment:
    - All Agency (repair, renovate, replace, and upgrade components and systems up to $5 million)
        - $200 million General Fund Supported Borrowing (GFSB)
    - Instructional Space (renovates core instructional space)
        - $48.8 million GFSB
    - Minor Facilities Renewal (repair, renovate, replace, and upgrade components and systems up to $7.4 million)
        - $68.1 million GFSB | $18.3 million Program Revenue Supported Borrowing (PRSB) | $8.0 million Cash
    - Central Plants and Utilities (resolves critical central utility repairs, renovations, and replacements)
        - $108.6 million GFSB | $46.7 million PRSB | $1.5 million Cash
    - Major Projects (repair, renovate, or replace major buildings across the system)
        - $1.17 billion GFSB | $312.1 million PRSB | $217.1 million Cash
    - Planning and Design (helps prepare projects with more accurate data for next biennial budget)
        - $27.4 million Building Trust Funds (BTF) | $3.6 million Cash

Please note that the information presented in this document is subject to change

Affordability

- UW System has completed an affordability review under President Jay Rothman.
- Results show that UW System tuition and fees are the most affordable in the Midwest.
  - Defined as a percentage of family income.
- In addition, UW System tuition and fees are very affordable when compared to peers and national averages.
- However, new freshmen are increasingly likely to come from wealthier households and are less likely to be first generation students.
- So, while UW System Universities are affordable, it is not affordable for everyone. As a public institution, we should be accessible by citizens of Wisconsin who want a four-year degree.

Wisconsin Tuition Promise

- This will be a pilot program that starts in Fall 2023.
  - UW System will redirect resources to fund the first full year of the program.
  - Requesting State funding to support the pilot program after the first year.
    - See Operating Budget on reverse side.
- The Wisconsin Tuition Promise is modeled after Bucky's Tuition Promise at UW-Madison.
- The program, once fully up and running, could support over 8,000 students – enabling UW System to amplify our ability to educate and train the workforce Wisconsin needs.
- This "last dollar" program is tied to median family income and covers tuition and fees after federal and state grant aid is applied.