STUDENTS URGE LEGISLATORS TO INVEST IN HIGHER EDUCATION

LA CROSSE, WI – Governor Walker recently released information regarding his plans for the University Wisconsin System over the next two years and the role that the system will play in his upcoming biennial budget. This information included a $300 million dollar or 13% budget cut for the System.

If implemented, this monumental cut will have detrimental effects on UW System Students. The burden of this proposed budget cut would fall upon students in the form of immense tuition hikes. Rising tuition costs and crippling loan debt deters more and more students with incredible potential from attending one of Wisconsin’s higher education institutions.

UW-La Crosse Student Association Legislative Affairs Director James Dirth claims that, “If we want to see the state of Wisconsin prosper, we have to invest in higher education and make sure that tuition remains affordable for Wisconsin families.

Kaylee Otterbacher, current UW-L Student Association President expressed, "I have a very hard time believing that UW System students chose their higher education institutions really hoping that in the future the system would have the autonomy that it thinks it deserves. I am sure that a vast majority of students chose their respective university not only because of the quality of our UW schools, but also because of the affordability that the UW System offers and the assurance that the state would be there to assist in their higher education endeavors.

"This trend of state disinvestment from higher education must come to a halt."

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