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Co-Chairs' Statement on Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) Public Hearing of UW Capital Project Funding

Legislature follows-through on agreement with University of Wisconsin System

Madison, WI - Sen. Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) and Rep. Mark Born (R- Beaver Dam) issued a statement today following the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) public hearing on UW System capital project funding:

“We are very pleased to co-author the bill that follows through on the legislature’s commitment to the UW System. This legislation funds a number of important building projects throughout the system, including a new Engineering Building at UW Madison; fulfills part of the agreement we reached to refocus the priorities on our campuses to student success and achievement; ensures our best and brightest students remain in the state; and makes significant investments in building projects across Wisconsin’s universities.”

Senate Bill (SB) 895 and Assembly Bill (AB) 921 enumerates and funds the following building projects across the UW System:

- UW-Madison Engineering Building (\$347,336,000)
- UW-Madison Kronshage-Jorns-Humphrey Residence Halls (\$79,211,000)
- UW-Whitewater Winther/Heide Hall (\$75,489,000)
- UW Systemwide Demolition Projects (\$45,400,000)
- UW Systemwide Central Plants and Utility Distribution System (\$149,269,000)

“The new engineering building at UW-Madison will provide the College of Engineering with the space to admit and educate hundreds of additional students, provide increased opportunities for education and research, and allow UW-Madison to recruit and retain world-class faculty. This project has the support of businesses and stakeholder groups across Wisconsin and is a top priority for UW-Madison and the UW System.”

“The other projects will provide much needed upgrades to living areas, classrooms, and other academic spaces, resolve the most critical heating and cooling plant and utility distribution system repairs at UW campuses, and allow the UW System to demolish empty and unused building across Wisconsin. All of these investments will greatly benefit the state of Wisconsin and keep the UW System strong.”

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