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## **UW-Eau Claire Science Hall Replacement Included in Upcoming State Budget**

Madison – Today the Budget writing committee officially voted to include \$230 million for the UW-Eau Claire Science Hall building as part of the state budget. The motion to include the project was part of a joint effort by local Republican Legislators.

“Today’s action by the budget-writing Joint Committee on Finance means that the UW-Eau Claire Science Hall building project is now a reality. Replacing Phillips Hall, a 60-year-old outdated, failing building, will allow our incredible students to work in state-of-the-art laboratories and help the university continue to be a national leader in undergraduate research,” said Representative Warren Petryk.

“I am excited to be a part of something far greater than myself. This new building is a symbol and beacon of many bright years ahead of us. Education is vital in shaping the next generation of leaders and moving Phillips Hall forward is a critical step forward,” said Representative Treig Pronschinske.

“There are many people who have worked long and hard to make this project go forth. This science building will propel us further into the dynamic field of technology and innovation. I am grateful to the state legislature for funding this worthy project,” said Representative Karen Hurd.

“I am proud to be able to support this project for our Chippewa Valley. We see this as a great public-private partnership and an opportunity to address our workforce shortage. The Legislature has known this is a two part project, and I applaud the Joint Finance Committee’s hard work to get this done,” said Senator Jesse James.

“UW-Eau Claire has forged an incredible partnership with Mayo Clinic, and the new Science and Health building is essential to creating the future healthcare workforce for our region,” said Representative David Armstrong.

“I am very proud to see that the UW-Eau Claire Phillips Hall project will be included in the state budget bill. The Phillips Hall project will have a profound impact on our area’s ability to train and retain a talented and innovative workforce that is ready to meet tomorrow’s challenges. I am excited for the Chippewa Valley and Western Wisconsin,” said Representative Rob Summerfield.

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“Investments on our UW campuses should improve outcomes, create opportunity, encourage collaboration with the private sector, and make financial sense. The Phillips Hall project accomplishes all of these and does so in a way that benefits Northern Wisconsin,” said Senator Romaine Quinn.

“As the western Wisconsin Representative on the Joint Committee on Finance, my regional colleagues made it clear how this project was strategic and advantageous to the area. I was happy to advocate for it on their behalf,” said Representative Shannon Zimmerman.

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*The 68th Assembly District includes portions of Eau Claire, Chippewa, and Clark Counties including the communities of Altoona, Fall Creek, Augusta, Fairchild, Greenwood, Owen, Withee, Thorp, Cadott, Boyd, Stanley, the Town of Lafayette, and parts of Eau Claire.*