

May 24, 2021

State Budget - UW System Tuition Freeze

Below is a letter I sent this morning to fellow legislators as we work to complete the 2021-2023 biennial budget. I am fighting to preserve the current UW System resident tuition freeze.

Dear Republican Legislators:

As we consider the UW System and the 2021-23 biennial budget, I have heard a few legislators say the campuses of the UW System have had less issues than previous years. **FALSE!**

I had my staff this morning put together a list of articles (links below) about serious issues of waste, mismanagement and runaway liberalism on the campuses of the UW System from just two media sources (*Madison.com* and *Campus Reform*). There are more media sources and articles yet to be added to this list which only goes back to May 2020.

The bottom-line for Republicans on the UW-System and the 2021-23 biennial budget:

-The UW System has money to give former top-level administrators little-work golden parachutes. The Republican legislative response is to potentially end the resident tuition freeze. This makes sense — there are so many administrators that need pricey sweetheart deals funded.

-The UW System has flawed bidding processes that cost taxpayers and students more money for procurement and building projects. The Republican legislative response is to potentially end the resident tuition freeze. This makes sense — with so many campuses we can't expect highly paid administrators to worry about waste, mismanagement and ethical concerns in issuing bid awards. They are too busy lining-up their little-work golden parachutes.

-The UW System has plenty of faculty, staff and administrators with a mission to silence conservative views on campus, mandate critical race theory in all facets of campus life and create more *socialist justice warriors* through indoctrination of students. The Republican legislative response is to potentially end the resident tuition freeze and to give the UW system more taxpayer dollars. This makes sense – we need to throw more funding into a system with so many liberals working on destroying the American Dream.

<u>UW System Articles from just two media sources:</u>

May 22, 2021

Former UW chancellor paid \$135,000 to work on 'community building,' new degree program | Higher education | madison.com

May 13, 2021

Audit identifies several errors in bidding process for UW project | Higher education | madison.com

April 27, 2021

UW-Madison engineering professor who led 'toxic' lab will resign this summer | Higher education | madison.com

April 19, 2021

Campus Reform | UW Oshkosh hires counseling prof who specializes in 'racial battle fatigue'

April 16, 2021

Madison residents sue over college financial aid program limited to certain students of color | Higher education | madison.com

April 10, 2021

Campus Reform | EXCLUSIVE: UW-La Crosse shells out \$5,000 for speech from transgender activist

April 5, 2021

Campus Reform | UW Madison sued over alleged social media censorship

March 12, 2021

UW-Madison plans graduates-only commencement ceremony at Camp Randall | Higher education | madison.com

March 11, 2021

UW-Madison chancellor apologizes for keeping COVID-19 discussions private | Higher education | madison.com

March 5, 2021

UW System orders audit into bidding process of a UW-Madison project | Higher education | madison.com

February 25, 2021

Campus Reform | UW-Madison student gov gets in on the left's 'defund the police' action

February 24, 2021

Campus Reform | UW profs attempt to explain away devastating free speech survey results

February 15, 2021

UW-Madison sued for allegedly hiding critical comments from its social media accounts | Higher education | madison.com

February 11, 2021

U.S. Education Department opens investigation into UW-Milwaukee over foreign funding | Higher education | madison.com

January 21, 2021

Teaching about Trump: UW-Madison professor whose syllabus drew backlash speaks out | Higher education | madison.com

January 5, 2021

UW-Madison chancellor signs off on removing rock seen by some as symbol of racism | Higher education | madison.com

December 24, 2020

UW's \$125,000 contract with Ray Cross called for written report on diversity, but he never wrote it | Higher education | madison.com

December 18, 2020

Campus Reform | UW-Madison moves forward with removal of boulder that symbolizes 'anti-blackness'

November 17, 2020

UW-Madison's patent-licensing arm must pay at least \$32 million to exresearch partner | Higher education | madison.com

November 5, 2020

Campus Reform | UW 'surprised' to find that most students aren't racist

October 27, 2020

Campus Reform | UW-Madison student gov votes to remove Lincoln statue, a 'remnant' of 'white supremacy'

October 13, 2020

Campus Reform | UW-La Crosse students melt down over 'Trump 2020' chalking

October 7, 2020

Campus Reform | University of Wisconsin prof: the return of college football is a 'reflection of racism & capitalism'

October 5, 2020

Campus Reform | EXCLUSIVE VIDEO: UW-Green Bay threatens to shut down conservative organization

September 9, 2020

Failed UW System presidential search cost \$216,400.90 | Higher education | madison.com

September 13, 2020

Amid UW System cuts, ex-president paid full salary to review leadership search process, work on other jobs | Higher education | madison.com

July, 30, 2020

UW-Madison fined \$74,000 over care of research animals | Higher education | madison.com

July 24, 2020

Emails reveal new insight into failed UW System president search | Higher education | madison.com

June 27, 2020

UW-Madison students call for removal of Abraham Lincoln statue on Bascom Hill | Higher education | madison.com

May 7, 2020

Update: UW Regents postpone private discussion on universities' pandemic problems | Higher education | madison.com

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