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UW Colleges: An Important Role

The University of Wisconsin Colleges are the UW System's network of freshman and sophomore campuses. The goal of the UW Colleges is to prepare students to transfer into four year and professional programs, though some campuses offer bachelor degrees as well in collaboration with other university system campuses. Recently, the Chancellor of UW Colleges System, Cathy Sandeen, has announced a plan to restructure and reorganize administration.

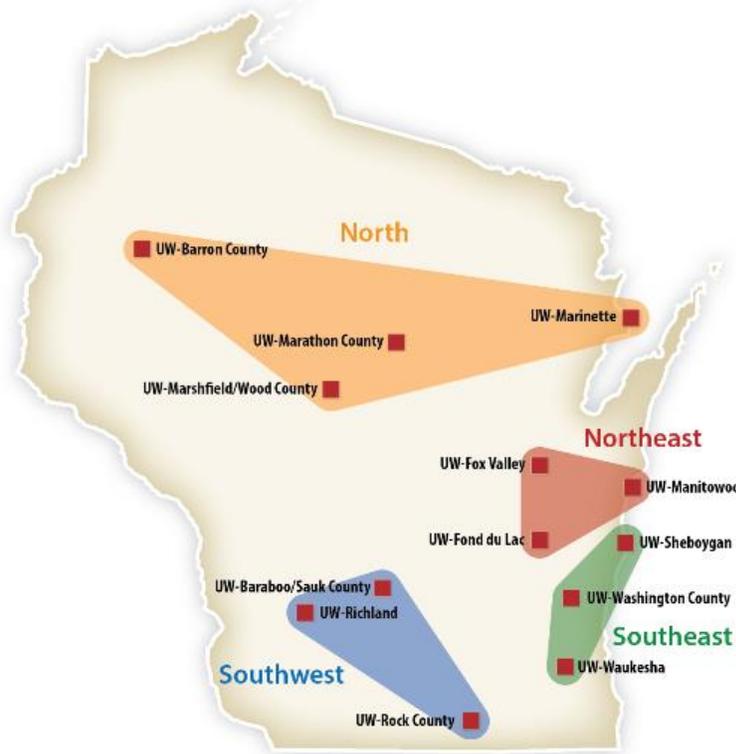
Importantly, the focus has been on protecting student education while consolidating administration and controlling costs. The past 10 years have seen student enrollment rise modestly from 12,597 in 2005 to 14,172 in 2014. Spending per student has also risen from \$6,674 in 2005 to \$7,945.

UW Colleges Operating Budget & Enrollment

<i>Year</i>	Operating Budget	Enrolled Students	Spending Per Student
2005-06	\$84,079,630	12,597	\$6,674
2006-07	\$88,439,134	12,639	\$6,997
2007-08	\$93,019,951	13,029	\$7,139
2008-09	\$96,228,027	13,275	\$7,248
2009-10	\$94,622,757	13,789	\$6,862
2010-11	\$104,104,412	14,385	\$7,237
2011-12	\$105,489,387	14,570	\$7,240
2012-13	\$109,522,360	14,107	\$7,763
2013-14	\$110,542,578	14,058	\$7,863
2014-15	\$112,609,834	14,172	\$7,945

This process has led the UW Colleges to seek a conversion to a system of regional management. Administrative and executive positions at each individual campus will be grouped at the regional level. Campus Executive Officers, Deans, Associate Deans, Marketing and Finance positions, etc. will no longer be overseeing one campus, but instead will be overseeing a region of three to four campuses. Nearly 30% of administrative positions will be reorganized. No teaching positions will be affected, with the goal being to minimize any impacts to student learning.

UW-Richland, along with UW-Baraboo/Sauk County and UW-Rock County, will be combined into the Southwest Region of schools. This consolidation of administrative functions, along with other cost cutting measures, is expected to save the system \$6 million annually. Importantly, less than one percent will be reduced from the instructional budget used for the education of students. With student loans becoming a major burden for not only students but also their families, controlling the cost of education is an important goal.



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