

Highlights of Joint Finance Committee Budget

Budget Cut

Reduce the budget cut by \$25 million annually from \$150 million to \$125 million annually (\$250 million over the biennium), but include the following language: "Specify that the Board of Regents would distribute the \$50 million GPR provided under the motion to aid UW institutions that are most impacted by the GPR base reduction."

Tenure/Layoff Language

Delete current law language that includes the definition of "tenure appointment" and language establishing the conditions under which the Board of Regents may grant a tenure appointment to a faculty member. Also delete language specifying that someone granted tenure can only be dismissed for just cause and after due notice and a hearing.

Keep Item #39 (Layoff due to budget or program decision) which modifies state law to say the Board of Regents may, with appropriate notice, terminate any faculty or academic staff appointment when such an action is deemed necessary due to a budget or program decision regarding program discontinuance, curtailment, modification, or redirection, instead of when a financial emergency exists under current law.

Shared Governance

Delete current law on shared governance for faculty:

36.09(4) The faculty of each institution, subject to the responsibilities and powers of the board, the president and chancellor of such institution, shall be vested with responsibility for immediate governance of such institution and shall actively participate in institutional policy development. As such, the faculty shall have the primary responsibility for academic and educational activities and faculty personnel matters. The faculty of each institution shall have the right to determine their own faculty organizational structure and select representatives to participate in institutional governance.

New law would state:

Chancellor is responsible for administering all funds.

Faculty would have primary responsibility for advising the Chancellor on academic and educational activities and faculty personnel matters subject to the responsibilities and powers of the Board, President, and Chancellor. With regard to responsibilities of the faculty, academic staff, and students of each

institution, "subject to" would mean "subordinate to."

UW-Madison Chemistry Building

\$86,208,000 of GPR-supported bonding and \$21,552,000 of gifts, grants, or other funds (total budget of \$107,760,000) for the UW-Madison Chemistry Building Addition and Renovation.

UW Charter Schools

Create a new authorizer of independent charter schools in the UW System. Require the Board of Regents to create the Office of Educational Opportunity within the system. The director of this office would have the ability to operate a charter school in a school district with a membership of over 25,000 pupils (Madison schools).

Sick Leave Accumulation

Current law (36.30) specifically allows unused sick leave to accumulate from year to year for faculty and academic staff. This statutory provision would have been eliminated with the governor's budget as part of the public authority proposal. This governor's proposal was eliminated from the budget, so 36.30 remains in effect.