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Statement on UW-Oshkosh Foundation Lawsuit

(Madison, WI) Representative Michael Schraa (R-Oshkosh) expresses support for the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (UW-O) in light of the disappointing news of serious charges against former high-ranking officials.

“I have every confidence in UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt and his wisdom in navigating this difficult situation. While it is deeply disappointing that the UW-O Foundation was allegedly involved in financial improprieties, I commend Chancellor Leavitt for discovering these irregularities and bringing them to light. His integrity insures that the educational mission of the University will continue unaffected. I respect his statement that he finds it unacceptable to violate the public trust and act without regard for ethics and the law.

“The University of Wisconsin System, under the able leadership of Dr. Ray Cross, is bringing a civil lawsuit over improper financial transactions. These unconstitutional actions should never have happened, and I will continue to monitor the situation as we work to find out why and how this was allowed to happen, and to make sure it never happens again.

“It is unfortunate that these irresponsible actions bring negative attention to the University, and I look forward to getting this resolved and moving forward with the business of educating our students. It is my privilege to participate in the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh commencement ceremony this Saturday, and to celebrate the success of the graduates and the University.”

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