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Assembly Republican Leaders Statement

Madison... Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester), Majority Leader Rep. Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) and Rep. John Nygren (R-Marinette) released the following statement in regards to the news concerning the former UW-Oshkosh chancellor and vice-chancellor.

“This situation is alarming on so many levels as it threatens to undermine the integrity of UW-Oshkosh and the UW System as a whole. The misuse of funds, whether it pertains to taxpayer dollars, student fees or foundation money, should never be tolerated.

“We would like to commend Chancellor Leavitt for making the discovery and the UW System officials, Board of Regents and DOJ for conducting the investigation. We also understand that the system is reviewing financial transactions at other universities; this is an essential step that we will monitor closely.

“It is the legislature’s role to ensure proper oversight in matters affecting the state. We look forward to learning more about the UW System’s report on the matter and if criminal prosecution will be pursued. We will then determine whether legislative action is warranted, which may include an audit of the relationship between universities and their foundations.”

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