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SCIENCE BUILDING FUNDING TO BE DECIDED IN COMING WEEKS BY THE JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Governor Tony Evers visited the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire earlier this month to announce that the first portion of funding to the new Science & Health Sciences building on the UW-Eau Claire campus had been included in his biennial budget. Students at UW-Eau Claire are in full support of this funding.

The fate of the Science and Health Sciences building will be decided by the Joint Finance Committee in the coming weeks. Students understand the concerns around the large sum of money and thank the State Building Commission for their careful consideration of the governor's budget. It is hoped that the JFC sees the benefits of investing in higher education and the proposed science building.

The Science and Health Sciences building would help to address the impending nursing workforce gap, help produce skilled health science researchers, and address the shortage of rural doctors by becoming a pre-med destination for rural students. It would also create the opportunity to work with Mayo Clinic Health System and create an innovation hub in northwest Wisconsin focused on excellence in research in community healthcare.

On behalf of the UW-Eau Claire student body, the thoughtful and careful consideration and time that will be invested in making this decision is very appreciated.

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