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Local Legislators Submit Official State Budget Motion for UW-Eau Claire Science Hall Replacement

Madison – Representative Warren Petryk (R-Eleva) has officially submitted a motion to the Assembly Joint Finance budget writing committee to add the replacement of UW-Eau Claire Phillips Hall Science Building to the State Budget. The budget motion also has the support of local Assembly Republican legislators Representatives Jesse James, Treig Pronschinske, Romaine Quinn, and Rob Summerfield.

“Phillips Hall is an outdated building which is in dire need for replacement, and that was the case even back when I was a student at UW-Eau Claire in the 1970’s,” said Representative Petryk. “The replacement of this building would further strengthen UW-EC’s reputation for teaching excellence and continue a knowledge boom in our area by allowing students to work in a state-of-the-art facility while allowing western Wisconsin to continue being a national leader in undergraduate research.”

Representative Petryk submitted the motion on May 9th to his Assembly Republican committee members officially asking them to insert the Phillips Hall project into the budget. The Joint Committee on Finance is currently debating the proposed budget by the governor. Once the committee completes its work, the budget will go before the Assembly and Senate for votes by the full legislature before being sent to the governor.

“Investments on our UW campuses should improve outcomes, create opportunity, encourage collaboration with the private sector, and make financial sense. The Phillips Hall project accomplishes all of this criteria while also opening the door to untold advancements with the Mayo partnership. Wisconsin would be wise to make this investment now,” said Representative Romaine Quinn (R-Barron).

“I support the UWEC Science Building project because it has the potential to transform the Chippewa Valley – making us a leader in healthcare science field. The benefits of this once-in-a-

generation opportunity are well worth the investment,” said Representative Rob Summerfield (R-Bloomer).

“Knowing the age of the current building, and the need to provide our youth with more STEM opportunities, my colleagues and I are ready to support this investment with the partnership of Mayo Clinic. It will not only give the Eau Claire area many benefits but the surrounding communities that include my district as well,” said Representative Treig Pronschinske (R-Mondovi).

“I’m honored to join my fellow Republican colleagues in introducing this budget motion that will help vault the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire to the forefront of science and health science education,” said Representative Jesse James (R-Altoona).

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