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EMBARGOED UNTIL JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE

May 25, 2017

President Cross Statement on Joint Finance Committee Vote on UW System 2017-19 Biennial Budget

"I would like to thank the members of the Joint Finance Committee for their support of the UW System. In particular, I want to thank Speaker Vos, Majority Leader Fitzgerald, Finance Co-Chairs Darling and Nygren, as well as Senator Harsdorf and Representative Born, for their leadership in bringing forward the UW System budget motion and their commitment to working with us throughout the budget process.

"We put forth a reasonable budget request that strategically aligns our resources with the state's greatest needs. While we have concerns with some of the provisions, the vast majority of our requests were approved, and we look forward to working with the legislature on remaining issues, including our capital budget and compensation requests. Our Regents, Chancellors, and System leadership will continue to advocate for the UW System, our students, families, and the taxpayers of Wisconsin."

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