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## **UW-Whitewater Chancellor Beverly Kopper Statement on UW System Operating Budget**

I want to express our gratitude to UW System for the increased funding to our campus and to the System committee that worked on this complex issue. We appreciate the additional financial support and, as always, we will be excellent stewards of these state dollars. UW-Whitewater has a long history of being fiscally conservative while providing an outstanding education to our students. We appreciate this reinvestment in our students, in our faculty and staff, and in our campus.

Historically, the GPR funding distributions received by UW-Whitewater have not kept pace with our record enrollment growth, resulting in instructional funding per student FTE that lags well behind our peers.

We sincerely appreciate the efforts to bring us closer to the GPR funding levels of our peers across the UW System. We support the continued development of an equitable process for the allocation of GPR funding that reflects the current state of education in the System.

I look forward to continued open discussion regarding how state dollars are distributed to the UW System campuses.

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