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SUBJECT: Student Senate Supports the UW Systems 2019-2021 Biennial Capital Budget

The UW Board of Regents passed the 2019-2021 biennial capital budget Thursday, moving high-priority campus building projects forward in the process. The proposal for a new science building at University of Wisconsin Eau Claire is included in that list, a project seeking to replace the outdated Phillips Science Hall with innovative facilities.

“We’re grateful the Board of Regents approved the budget and moved the science building project forward,” Student Body President Branden Yates said. “UW-Eau Claire has a lot of exciting things going right now, especially in STEM fields.”

A year ago, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and Mayo Clinic announced a master collaborative undergraduate research partnership to foster student, faculty and health-care provider collaboration on research and other projects focused on improving health statewide. The partnership provides opportunities for students to gain high-impact practices and meaningful experiences at an affordable price.

With the most recent UW System Economic Impact study showing a twenty three to one return on investment and the system making a \$24 billion impact on Wisconsin annually, it is clear that investing in higher education should be at the forefront of priorities for this upcoming legislative session.

As the budget process continues, Yates said UW–Eau Claire student leadership will continue advocating for the science building, which would provide the infrastructure and equipment vital to innovation and progress in all STEM fields. As well as advocating for investing the UW System as a whole and supporting the many other pressing building projects.

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