

Showcase 2022



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Good News from the Last Decade



What We've Accomplished – Better Educational Outcomes

- Record-high graduation rates
- Record-low time-to-degree
- Reduced student debt



What We've Accomplished – Increased Applications, Higher Quality, More Diversity

- A record 60,000 applicants this year
- Steady increases in the number of National Merit Finalists in the freshman class
- 15% of freshmen are from historically underrepresented groups



What We've Accomplished – A More Sustainable Campus

- 45% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
- 25% reduction in water use
- Expanded use of solar power



What We've Accomplished – Major Administrative Improvements

- Title & Total Compensation Project
- Improvements to Cybersecurity
- Administrative Transformation Program









The Nature of the College

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Economy would demand that the curriculum be relatively simple, and that the wide variety of options now available to students on the central campus not be repeated in a new college This would not necessarily be detrimented it is

Challenge #1: Lagging Growth in Revenues

Total growth in operating revenue and state support (FY10 as baseline)



Elite competitors: Virginia, Florida, Texas, Berkeley, North Carolina **Official Peers:** Michigan State, Northwestern, Purdue, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, Virginia Illinois excluded from Big 10 (for reporting challenges) & Rutgers excluded because of merger with New Jersey professional schools

Challenge #2: Limited Investments in Facilities

Average annual expenditure over 5 years relative to recommended spending





Challenge #2a: No Borrowing Authority

- We are a \$3.6B enterprise with no control over our capital assets. This creates serious problems.
 - Every major building renovation or construction project not fully funded with gifts/grants requires approval from the Governor, State Assembly, State Senate, Building Commission, and UW System
 - <u>No other state</u> has a flagship university (or university system) with no authority to borrow



Challenge #2b: Lack of Control Over State-Managed Capital Projects

- We have no control, no input, no authority over these contracts
- <u>No other state</u> gives its flagship university zero oversight of facilities projects
- The result? Wasted dollars due to cost overruns, delays, construction problems



Challenge #3: Nine Years of Frozen In-State Tuition

Change in resident undergrad tuition at Midwest flagships, 2015-16 to 2020-21



Current Tuition & Fees

Illinois	\$16,862
Michigan	\$15,948
Minnesota	\$15,027
Ohio State	\$11,518
UW–Madison	\$10,742

Flagships: University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, University of Iowa, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, Indiana University-Bloomington, The Ohio State University, University of Michigan.



Challenge #4: The Divided (and Divisive) Political Environment

Support for public higher education was once strong and bipartisan. That is changing:

- There is a growing disconnect in the country and in WI between political parties in their support for higher ed
- Result: Using the University to score political points; threats to our federal funding



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