



Memorandum

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To: University Community

From: Gary L. Miller *Gary L. Miller*

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Subject: Reshaping Higher Education in Northeast Wisconsin. Together.

This afternoon, the Board of Regents approved President Cross's recommendation to join the UW Colleges with various UW Universities. UW Extension will become part of UW-Madison. Under the plan, UW-Marinette, UW-Manitowoc and UW-Sheboygan will join UW-Green Bay in July 2018 to form a single, four-campus university serving Northeast Wisconsin.

Next week, Chancellor Sandeen and I and a group of leaders from UW-Green Bay will visit each campus to begin the transition process. In the coming days, I will also be talking with and meeting members of each County's Board of Supervisors, College Foundation Leaders and municipal leaders in each community.

In my memo of October 13, I outline the initial process we will use to affect the joining of the four campuses, an initiative we are calling Project Coastal. I encourage all of you to reach out to your colleagues at Marinette, Manitowoc and Sheboygan and to continue your current collaborative activities with these campuses. However, I respectfully request all official meeting of analogous groups (e.g., shared governance, academic departments, administrative units, etc.) be coordinated through Clif Ganyard who is leading our transition process. The process of joining these universities will be complex and require extensive coordination with System and other institutions, as well as a sensitivity to change and those who will be impacted. I have asked Clif to convene open sessions on our campus for those who want to get involved and those who have questions and suggestions. You will receive information on those sessions in the near future.

We've talked often about the extraordinary array of opportunities currently in front of UW-Green Bay and the once-in-a-generation opportunity to fulfil founding Chancellor Ed Weidner's dream of a "...large public university, a center of creative and intellectual activity, responsive to the ever-changing dynamics of the state and the region..."

The new opportunity before us expands the horizon of this dream to include three dynamic communities, important new sources of intellectual capital and innovation, and a geographic footprint that encompasses some of the most important and beautiful areas in the state. While I recognize times of great change are inevitably associated with personal uncertainty and apprehension, I challenge all of us to embrace this unique moment in time with optimism and courage. This is our Weidner moment.

Thank you all in advance for your work to help us seize this opportunity as we reshape higher education in Northeast Wisconsin.

c: Cabinet
Clif Ganyard
Council of Trustees