Regional Reorganization Progressing

Progress continues to be made on reimagining higher education in Northeast Wisconsin as UW-Marinette, UW-Green Bay, UW-Manitowoc and UW-Sheboygan come together to form one, multi-campus university. This is an exciting opportunity for our students, our campuses and our region.

The reorganization structure for our region, called Project Coastal, has been solidified and is now in place. Student, faculty and staff stakeholders from across the four campuses have agreed to serve on more than 40 different committees and work groups to address key transition issues related to Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Operations and External Relations. To all those who have stepped up to assist with this important work: Thank you. Here's a snapshot of the Project Coastal structure to help visualize how we are moving forward:
The Project Coastal Steering Committee is committed to sharing updates on key decisions as they are made at both the Regional and System levels. This newsletter, together with the Project Coastal regional and UW System websites, will serve as our primary channels for sharing information and providing updates. We encourage you to visit these sites on a regular basis.

**Project Coastal Decisions**

**Mission:** The Project Coastal Steering Committee has reviewed missions from all four institutions and is in agreement that the missions are in alignment and do not need to be altered. The Steering Committee recognized that Chancellor Miller had called on UW-Green Bay in April 2017 to review its mission, and it is likely that UW-Green Bay will proceed with that project during the Spring semester of 2018.

**Campus Identity:** Campus identity is important and impacts numerous issues. A Working Group is in place to address campus identity and is on an expedited timeline to provide recommendations to the Steering Committee.

**Project Coastal Topics Under Discussion**

**Tuition:** The Tuition Working Group will be meeting with the Chancellor to review tuition models.

**Shared Governance:** Shared Governance has prepared a resolution to cover representation for the academic year 2018-2019. The proposal has been approved by the University Staff and Faculty Senate. Academic Staff still needs to review the proposal. The proposal is still being reviewed by the branch campuses. Student government is seeking students interested in serving on various Working Groups.

**Promotions/Tenure:** Discussions regarding how to handle Promotion and Tenure schedules are in progress.

**AAS Degree:** The Curriculum Committee will handle alignment of the AAS.
**Gen Ed Requirements:** The Gen Ed Committee will be looking at how to align Gen Ed requirements.

**UW System Restructuring Overview**

**Restructuring Project Update**

To keep UW employees informed of progress related to the restructuring project, we will send you periodic project updates. Our goal is to communicate the progress and status of the project, as well as the intent and impact of major project decisions.

The Project Communications Office (PCO) has been created to ensure that you, our stakeholders, and our customers all receive the most current and accurate information throughout the restructuring process. Consider these newsletters and [wisconsin.edu/uw-restructure](http://wisconsin.edu/uw-restructure) your trusted sources for information on the restructuring.

**Project Overview**

In October 2017, UW System President Ray Cross proposed restructuring UW Colleges and UW Extension to expand access to higher education in Wisconsin, while also addressing the enrollment and financial challenges that UW Colleges’ two-year campuses have been facing due to the state’s changing demographic. In November 2017, the Board of Regents passed a resolution allowing President Cross to proceed with planning and implementation to join UW Colleges’ 13 two-year campuses with four-year comprehensive and research institutions.

1. **Expand access** and provide more educational opportunities to more students
2. **Leverage resources and shared talent** of our institutions at a time when overall enrollments at UW Colleges are declining. This is impacted by Wisconsin’s demographic challenges of a declining birth rate and demand for a more educated workforce.
3. **Help ensure the future viability and sustainability of all our campuses** by addressing current and projected enrollment and financial challenges at the two-year institutions, while maintaining the important UW presence in local communities
Implementation Planning

Since then, the Restructuring Project Steering Committee has been formed. The Steering Committee helps oversee the planning and implementation of the project. It is comprised of representatives from UW System Administration, UW Colleges and UW-Extension, and each of the other UW institutions. Shared governance groups are integral to this process, and the Steering Committee includes faculty, staff, and student representatives from each governance group who attend meetings as part of the planning and implementation process.

Other key project groups include regional restructuring teams chosen by the chancellor of the receiving four-year or research institutions, and functional teams tasked with overseeing specific project areas. The organizational structure is posted on the restructuring website.

Planning Team Updates

Functional teams conduct implementation planning for functions that have a system-wide impact and identify common and consistent solutions that cross regions. Functional teams also review Regional team recommendations. Functional teams include:

- Athletics
- Bursars
- Facilities and Property
- Finance
- Financial Aid
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Libraries
- Procurement
- Registrars
- Student Information Systems (SIS)
- Student Recruitment
- Student Visas

Helpful Resources

- Restructuring website
  - FAQs
  - HLC application
  - Steering Committee updates and information
- Submit questions online
- Subscribe to project updates
Regional Pride

They say history repeats itself. That saying rings true once again for the 22nd-ranked Green Bay women's basketball team, which captured yet another Horizon League Tournament Championship on Tuesday afternoon with a convincing 62-44 victory over No. 2 seed Wright State at Little Caesars Arena. It's the 16th tournament title for the illustrious Phoenix program in the past 21 seasons, and its fourth-straight overall, punching its ticket to its 18th NCAA Tournament in the process, making UW-Green Bay one of only two Division I teams from Wisconsin in this year's NCAA Tournament. GO PHOENIX!

Online Resources

Project Coastal: www.uwgb.edu/project-coastal
UW System Restructure: www.wisconsin.edu/uw-restructure