UW-Green Bay Gets Green Light to Join with UW-Marinette, UW-Manitowoc and UW-Sheboygan

With the UW System’s restructuring proposal receiving approval by the Higher Learning Commission today, UW-Green Bay is preparing to welcome each of you, your campuses and the communities of UW-Marinette, UW-Manitowoc and UW-Sheboygan to our new, unified University.

On July 1, UW-Green Bay, UW-Marinette, UW-Manitowoc and UW-Sheboygan will join together as one university with one mission. The new UW-Green Bay will be a four-campus university with a 16-county footprint, 700 ongoing employees and a projected enrollment of about 7,700 students.

“When the Board of Regents approved this consolidation last November, I expressed the view that we have been presented an extraordinary opportunity,” UW-Green Bay Chancellor Gary L. Miller reflected today. “The work we have done together since that time has helped us begin to shape a vision for how the new unified university in Northeastern Wisconsin will work. In the coming transition year, we will clarify our vision and take our first steps forward together.”

The Project Coastal Steering Committee, comprised of representatives from all four campuses, is working together to prepare for the next critical steps in the restructuring process. Additional information will be shared in the weeks ahead.

Miller also noted that the restructuring is literally a change to the educational ecosystem in Wisconsin overall and in Northeast Wisconsin, specifically. “We know we need to continue to identify and reduce barriers to transferring credits, making it seamless for two-year college students to continue on to a four-year degree. We also need to create a unified university where all students can explore all programs regardless of where they enter, and at the same time tackle the enrollment and financial hurdles in front of us.”

“Ecosystems can endure a lot more change than we give them credit for and they are incredibly adaptive. I think about this reorganization in the same way. It will be challenging and complex. There are multiple moving parts. We will certainly make missteps along the way. But it is certainly not impossible to transform and create something even better.”

It will require creativity and partnership from each and every one of us. Together, we will rise.