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UW-La Crosse One Step Closer to Breaking Ground on New Academic Building

Rep Shilling and Building Commission members Approve Funding in Capital Budget

MADISON – The State Building Commission unanimously approved funding for a new academic building for UW-La Crosse on Monday. If it is approved in the state biennial budget, this will be the first academic building built on the UW-L campus since the early 1970s.

Representative Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse), a member of the Building Commission and Chair of the Higher Education Sub-committee, issued the following statement:

“As an alumnus of UW-L, and the state representative for the city of La Crosse, I am very excited that this project received unanimous support from the State Building Commission. It has been far too long since our campus has had a new academic building.

“With the Growth and Access Agenda, UW-L has embarked on an ambitious effort to dramatically increase enrollment over the next decade. To make UW-L an attractive choice for students to attend college, our campus needs quality faculty, as well as modern facilities. The new academic building will help attract both faculty and students, and will help UW-L stay competitive with other Midwestern universities.

“I appreciate that Governor Doyle chose to include this project in his Capital Budget recommendations, and I thank my colleagues on the Building Commission for voting in favor of the funding request. I will continue to be a strong advocate for this new academic building as it progresses through the legislative approval process.”

The total cost of the UW-La Crosse academic building is projected to be \$44 million. Funding for the project was approved as part of a four-building package, at a cost of \$133 million over the next four years, which includes funding for new academic buildings at UW-Oshkosh, UW-Superior, and UW-Parkside.

The Capital Budget will now be sent to the Joint Committee on Finance in early April, where it will need to be approved by a majority vote before the full Legislature can take action on it.

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