The Widespread Effects of Making Deep Cuts to the University of Wisconsin System

The $300 million, two-year cut to the UW System proposed by Governor Walker will have severe adverse consequences for the quality of higher education in Wisconsin, for the costs borne by Wisconsin families, and for our state’s economy. Our world-class university system has long been a key factor in the state’s economic growth and the deep cuts could put that economic benefit at risk.

Many of the effects are difficult to quantify, and they will vary from campus to campus. Although the exact cuts have yet to be finalized, we used preliminary proposals for the cost cutting to pull together the following synopsis of the potential campus-by-campus effects. The map shows the proposed annual funding cut to each campus as well as some of the actions under consideration to address potential budget gaps.