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[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** We need to put context around the issue of, you know, obviously we're going to be asking for a fair amount of money from the University of Wisconsin system. But it is also important to remember that in Wisconsin, a system that no matter where they are, the whole issue of student services are part and parcel of being a student and frankly, registering them and graduating and so on. I think you heard from the group here today that they value the services that are offered on the campus, and that is part and parcel of being a student of the state. So I'm very excited to be here, be prepared to answer any questions people might have.

[00:00:40] **Speaker 2** You were just talking about justifying the $800 million increase for UW system in the next state budget. But when it comes to declining enrollment, at some campuses, we've seen six branches close either this year or going to close. How do you how do you justify that spending?

[00:00:57] **Speaker 1** Well, if we're 43rd in the state, no matter where we are with numbers and the country exceeds the 43 at 30, that is not where we want where we want to be. We have an obligation to ensure this. And the system itself is in in good ways. And it can't be done with just nickel and diming it every year. I will say I have seen the numbers this year and we're doing pretty well. There's a handful that are down a little bit, but overall it's at least stable. And so I anticipate that that will continue in every other case.

[00:01:31] **Speaker 3** Regarding that increase. Are you currently taking any actions or do you take any actions to get Republican legislators on board in passing?

[00:01:39] **Speaker 1** Well, sure. I mean, it's all part of the budget process that's going to be part of my budget, and we'll work with the legislature to get it passed. Sometimes it's more difficult than others. I think this is a time where we'll see a little different legislature to start with. And I think more people in the legislature who understand the importance of the University of Wisconsin system to make sure our economy is as strong as possible. And so I think it'll be if you get a fair hearing from the legislature. Governor, what do you think of Milwaukee schools still not having student resource officers? And at what point do you step in? Well, everything I everything I talk to people in Rocky that they're working together, they're close to is close to a deal. So I'm I'm not going to insert myself in something like that. First of all, I'm not sure what I can do to force them to be quicker, but clearly it's an expectation that the law is followed and it's everything that I have heard that they're working hard to get it done. So let's get it done.

[00:02:40] **Speaker 2** That's my role. Michael. Go ahead. What's your reaction to the new viewpoint neutrality standard for UW System faculty and staff?

[00:02:50] **Speaker 1** Yeah, I, I, I actually read that. I read it and thought about it and thought about how I would follow it if I was a member of the faculty here. And I and I'm not being critical, but maybe it's just me that I'm not that clever. I don't know how I would follow it. I mean, it's kind of taken away, and I think it could because others may have the same thinking about it as I do, that it's uncertain where I fit into that conversation, and it would have a chilling effect on me if I was a member of the faculty and really didn't know what I should do to be compliant. But I'm not in that position, so maybe the faculty here feel a little comfortable with it. But just me personally, I wouldn't know where I fit.

[00:03:48] **Speaker 2** Last question. Back to enrollment, Governor. Right now, the university system is no longer going to be reporting enrollment numbers for many to their branches. It's something they're starting this year. You can still get that information from open records request, but experts say this is really going to dwindle, some transparency going forward and it's going to make it harder to, you know, keep smaller campuses alive if we don't know those numbers and not open to the public. Does your thoughts about that change?

[00:04:14] **Speaker 1** I agree with everything you said. It's my understanding. Know they are trying to release that information in the very near future so you won't have to go any further than hearing it from somewhere. So, yeah, I agree with you. I mean, we need to know the numbers and the numbers are available for those people available.

[00:04:34] **Speaker 2** Did you ask to make that change or no?

[00:04:37] **Speaker 1** I know because I've I've.

[00:04:39] **Speaker 2** Seen it all. I meant, like you said, they're going to be coming out.

[00:04:41] **Speaker 1** Yeah, that's what.

[00:04:42] **Speaker 2** I've heard. That's what you've.

[00:04:43] **Speaker 1** Heard? Yeah, absolutely.

[00:04:44] **Speaker 2** From the UW system? Yes. Thanks, everyone.

[00:04:46] **Speaker 1** Yeah, thanks. Thank you.

[00:04:48] **Speaker 2** Thank you.

[00:04:49] **Speaker 1** All right.

[00:04:51] **Speaker 2** My arms are tight. You're sorry is right there.

[00:04:55] **Speaker 1** I think they're identical. So that's your problem with yours? Yeah. They're not in the real world with something like that.

[00:05:07] **Speaker 2** Nothing too crazy. All right. Anything?