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UW-Green Bay Engineering School Takes Another Step Forward

Madison--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette) released the following statement regarding the Board of Regents vote to approve UW-Green Bay's new Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering:

"I was very happy to see that the Board of Regents' voted to approve UW-Green Bay's request to create a new Bachelor's degree program in Mechanical Engineering. Northeastern Wisconsin has a growing need for workers in the engineering fields and UW-Green Bay is uniquely situated to meet this growing demand. This program will help attract more students to the Green Bay area and connect them with in-demand, family-supporting careers. This will also help to address our area's workforce shortage issues."

Rep. Nygren has been the champion on this issue in the state legislature. Specifically, the Joint Committee on Finance, the committee that Rep. Nygren co-chairs, approved this new engineering program in the 2017-19 state budget.

The state budget also included funding for a new 55,000 square-foot Brown County Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Innovation Center at UW-Green bay.

"These developments put UW-Green Bay on the map. The STEM Innovation Center has the potential to transform how our students learn, while at the same time helping business develop new, innovative business practices. I am very optimistic about the future of UW-Green Bay.

"I look forward to continuing to work with the University of Wisconsin System and UW-Green Bay to move these projects forward. Chancellor Miller has been a zealous advocate for UW-Green Bay and Northeastern Wisconsin, leading the charge on these goals. UW-Green Bay is ready to lead and I plan on helping them do just that."

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