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May Legislative Update

PROFS, the Public Representation Organization of the Faculty Senate, is a non-profit advocacy organization of UW-Madison faculty. Formed by the Faculty Senate and governed by the University Committee, PROFS provides a voice to faculty, allowing them to communicate directly with the governor, legislators, and members of Congress.

Federal Update

The unprecedented federal attack on higher education continues and PROFS continues to work with leaders on campus and the offices of members of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation. We also partnered with our Academic Staff colleagues to host a well-attended campus forum on federal issues last month. Local coverage of the forum is here: [Wisconsin Public Radio](#) and the [Wisconsin Examiner](#).

UW-Madison's Office of Strategic Communication is asking members of the university community, including faculty, to share stories about the impact of cuts in federal funding. The impact of these cuts – direct and indirect – are often not understood by the general public and examples of how these cuts will harm not only important research, but students and the public at large. Examples may be used by the university in their external communications and advocacy efforts. Submit your experiences [here](#).

2025-27 State Budget

The 2025-27 state budget process is underway, and [public hearings](#) were held in Hayward and Wausau last week. PROFS expects significant Republican opposition to Governor Evers' record budget for UW System when the Joint Finance Committee begins taking votes on the bill.

Republican leaders have said they hope to begin voting on the bill this month, but no meetings have been scheduled to date. Despite that, a Co-chair Sen. Howard Marklein said he plans to complete the budget by the end of June. The current level of appropriations will continue should the budget process continue after July 1. PROFS has already met to meet with legislators and is advocating for the best possible budget for UW-Madison.

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