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## February 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 50 years ago, PROFS provides a voice to faculty, allowing them to communicate directly with the governor, legislators, and members of Congress.

### Legislative Update

The Legislature is rushing to conclude its regular session and PROFS is monitoring a number of bills that impact UW-Madison:

- Spinal cord research ([AB 92/SB 99](#)), registered in favor
- Limiting tuition to CPI ([AB 406/SB 399](#)), registered against
- Guns on campus ([AB 427/SB 429](#)), registered in favor
- MIA Recovery Project ([AB 428/SB 411](#)), registered in favor
- Definition of Antisemitism ([AB 446/SB 445](#)), registered against. Our testimony on the PROFS [website](#)
- Campus speech bills ([AB 501/SB 498](#)), registered against. Our testimony is on the PROFS [website](#)
- Returning shared governance to state statutes bills ([AB 586/SB 581](#)), registered in favor
- Returning faculty tenure protections to state statutes bills ([AB 600/SB 590](#)), registered in favor
- Change in race-based higher ed program, ([AB 669/SB 652](#)), registered against
- Allow non-faculty to be department chairs, ([AB 757/SB 751](#)), registered no position
- UW start date (LRB-2533/1), in favor

### Minimum Teaching Load Policy and General Education Requirements Policy

PROFS also continues to work with our board, the University Committee, with regard to the faculty minimum teaching load and general education requirements policies. Both were submitted to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations in December and must be in effect on September 1, 2026. UW System released its interim teaching workload policy last week, and UW-Madison is beginning its work to draft the campus interim policy. UW System is accepting comments on the policy on their [website](#).

### Fall Elections

2026 is an election year, and PROFS is looking ahead to an open gubernatorial seat and the possibility of a shift in control of the Assembly, Senate, or both. We are planning to reach out to gubernatorial and local candidates later this spring and summer to learn more about their positions on higher education and UW-Madison.

### Join PROFS

In 1976, a handful of UW-Madison faculty worked with the Faculty Senate to create PROFS with the requirement that at least half the faculty join PROFS as a condition of its creation. In recent years, PROFS membership has dipped below that threshold. As we mark our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I urge you to consider [joining](#) PROFS if you are not already a member. Contributions are modest (one-tenth of one percent of your pay) and easy (a payroll deduction taken each pay period). We can let you know if you are not sure if you are already a member.

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