

# Rep. Tranel and Rep. Novak: Work to build bipartisan support for UW-Platteville building projects

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Platteville, WI – Today Rep. Travis Tranel (Cuba City) and Rep. Todd Novak (Dodgeville) participated in a bi-partisan tour of UW-Platteville’s engineering and science buildings with Democratic colleagues Rep. Dianne Hesselbein (Middleton), Rep. Daniel Riemer (Milwaukee), and Rep. Fred Kessler (Milwaukee). The legislators were welcomed to campus by Chancellor Dennis Shields and given a tour by UW- Platteville Deans Wayne Weber, Melissa Gromley, and Molly Gribb.

“It was great to have so many of my Democratic colleagues come and visit UW-Platteville to see firsthand the need for a new engineering building and Boebel Hall renovations,” said Tranel. “Rep. Novak, Senator Marklein, UW-Platteville, and I have been working tirelessly for months to get both projects funded in the state budget. I sincerely hope my Democratic friends will strongly consider voting to support this \$79 million dollar investment in UW-Platteville students.”

On August 28th the Joint Finance Committee voted to approve \$55 million dollars for the new Sesquicentennial Hall engineering building and \$24 million dollars to complete phase two renovations for the Boebel Hall science building. Both UW-Platteville projects are now included in the proposed 2017-19 state budget.

UW- Platteville is one of the fastest growing universities in the UW-System and the second largest producer of engineering graduates in the state. The campus is a major economic driver in Southwest Wisconsin and employs over 900 area residents.