

# Sen. Stroebel: UW System leaders must review UW La Crosse dispatcher firing

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*Stroebel: System President must determine if firing was over political speech*

Madison, WI – On Monday, UW – La Crosse fired a campus police dispatcher. Through an attorney, the dispatcher accused the university of firing her for political reasons. UW-L Chancellor Joe Gow told [La Crosse Tribune](#), “We always follow due process and policy if anyone is let go.” [By Wednesday evening](#), Gow had offered reinstatement to the employee because due process hearings had not been held.

Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Cedarburg) issued the following statement on the matter:

*In a time when campuses have become bastions for hypersensitivity, Chancellor Gow has perpetrated an environment where a mere complaint could cost a person her job. This does not foster discussion or debate – which many academics claim is the purpose of higher education.*

*UW System should immediately review what happened in this case. There is no excuse for a taxpayer funded institution skipping due process procedures when terminating an employee over free speech.*

*Week after week we hear story after story of universities not protecting free speech. President Ray Cross should ensure all UW System campuses comply with the Constitution and due process. I look forward to his report.*