

Assembly Democrats: Reject Republicans' attacks on Universities of Wisconsin

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MADISON, Wis. – Assembly Democrats released the following statement:

“We see Republican Legislators’ attacks on diversity, equity and inclusion at our universities for what they are — attempts to divide us and foment culture wars at the expense of the wellbeing of all of our students. Attacking DEI initiatives is deeply misguided, will move our universities backwards, and will undermine students’ sense of belonging for years to come.

“Our caucus is united in strongly opposing any proposal from Republican Legislators that trades the enumeration of building projects or already approved pay raises for cutting diversity, equity and inclusion and enshrining the far right’s agenda in our educational institutions. Throughout his career, Speaker Vos has done everything in his power to undermine our universities and halt progress. We simply cannot allow him to continue.

“We ask university leaders and our GOP colleagues in the Capitol to join us in opposing Speaker Vos’ blatant attack on our universities and our students, especially students of color and LGBTQ+ students. Rather than using our students and university system as political pawns, we must work to build a Wisconsin where everyone has the opportunity to thrive — that is our job.”