The Senate recommends that the campus:

Formally commit now to house the UWM School of Public Health at Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital site.

Main Rationale

The UW-System Board of Regents authorized in principle the expenditure of $240,000,000 for new construction in support of UWM’s development as a research university. Included was $123,400,000 in General Fund Supported Borrowing (GFSB), $55,600,000 in existing Program Revenue Supported Borrowing (PRSB), $1,000,000 in Building Trust Funds (BTF), and $60,000,000 in Gifts/Grants.

In Fall, 2009, the campus administration set forth a plan for the use of these funds called the Milwaukee Initiative. Its contents are listed below, including proposed sources of funding within the $240,000,000 authorization:

- Replace Neeskay Research vessel $20,000,000 gifts
- School of Freshwater Sciences Research Building $50,000,000 30% GFSB, 70% gifts
- Kenwood Integrated Research complex (IRC) $50,000,000 80% GFSB, 20% gifts
- Milwaukee County Grounds $35,000,000 57% GFSB, 43% gifts
- Public, Community, Clinical Health $38,400,000 74% GFSB, 26% gifts
- Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital $66,100,000 84% PRSB, 15% GFSB, 1% BTF

Current status of the Milwaukee Initiative: Decisions concerning the School of Freshwater Science, the Kenwood IRC, and Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital have been made by the Board of Regents as follows:

- Replace Neeskay Research vessel $20,000,000 gifts
- School of Freshwater Sciences Research Building $50,000,000 100% GFSB
- Kenwood Integrated Research complex (IRC) $75,000,000 100% GFSB
- Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital $31,000,000 100% PRSB

The Senate notes with appreciation the efforts of the campus administration in securing these vital resources that will allow us to enhance the campus programs.

The New Situation  At this point, all of the GFSB funds have been spent. Accordingly, the other two projects, Milwaukee County Grounds and Public, Community, Clinical Health must be funded by PRSB ($26,000,000) and gifts/grants ($58,000,000). The first funding source seems to be limited to Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital because of it a program revenue source.

Moreover, Provost Cheng appointed four committees to determine the space needs for all of the above projects, except Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital. The one for the Kenwood IRC has planned the space as three-quarters of a replacement physics building not as an interdisciplinary research complex. Thus, the Kenwood IRC does not support the original aim of the complex to provide STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) space for new faculty. Since there is no other space for new labs and offices for STEM faculty on campus, plans to expand our
research base are stymied for the foreseeable future unless the plan for the rest of the building authorization is changed.

The Board of Regents took an important step in Jan, 2010, when it explicitly identified the acquisition and development of Columbia St. Mary’s as a key component of future campus growth. The lack of GFSB dollars, the linkage of PRSB dollars to Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital, and the contingency of major capital gifts in support of our building projects necessitates a new building plan that concentrates remaining resources on Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital, a complex with over 800,000 gross square feet of space contiguous to our campus.

The text below identifies the rationale for FD 2710.1.

**Formally commit now to house the UWM School of Public Health at Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital site.**

**Rationale:**
1.1. The Columbia St. Mary site has facilities that can be readily remodeled to house the School of Public Health.
1.2. Being adjacent to the main campus, it can make use of campus infrastructure such as wet science support facilities and teaching space.
1.2. The Columbia St. Mary site is the cost effective site to house the School of Public Health. The building is function and needs remodeling not rebuilding. In addition, resources such animal housing are available on the adjacent Kenwood campus, so there would be no need to duplicate them elsewhere, such as at the Pabst site.
1.3. The Columbia St. Mary site is ideally situated to promote desired collaboration with other campus academic units and faculty, which will not be possible if the School of Public Health is off campus or split among sites.
1.4. There is no conceptual problem of generating program revenue (PRSB) at Columbia St. Mary as will be necessary, because such facilities as the parking structure are already on site.
1.5. The neighborhood associations are fully supportive of locating the School of Public Health in Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital.

**Executive Summary**

The Senate recommends the campus adopt a development plan that maximizes the return from currently available funds. By so doing, UWM will be able to contribute as much as possible to students, metro area, and state.

The elements of the plan, and the principal rationale for FD 2710.1 are below:

Formally commit now to house the UWM School of Public Health at Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital site;
Rationale: The Columbia St. Mary site was identified by the Board of Regents in Jan, 2010, for
acquisition and development. It has the facilities needed to house the School of Public Health in a cost effective manner.