

Faculty-and-staff members at four more U-W campuses have filed petitions to unionize. More than two-thirds of educators at Stevens Point, Stout, RiverFalls, and La Crosse have asked the state Employment Relations Commission to schedule union elections. If they're all approved, around 12-hundred staffers would join the American Federation of Labor. They were the last state employees to be given collective bargaining rights.

The outgoing Democratic majority placed it into the state budget a year-and-a-half ago. Now, Republican Governor-elect Scott Walker has talked about de-certifying unions if it's necessary to cut costs and reduce the state's budget deficit.

Staffers at Eau Claire and Superior have voted to join the American Federation of Teachers.