

## STAFF UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT PAUL CARLSEN – June 9, 2020

Team LTC,

Earlier today I spoke with Layla Merrifield, the Executive Director of the [Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association](#), who advocates for Wisconsin's 16 technical colleges in Madison and Washington DC. Prior to working in this capacity, Layla spent 13 years with the [Legislative Fiscal Bureau](#). Layla walked me through the typical state budgeting process, the potential impact of the economic shut down on the state budget, and when we might anticipate budget cuts as the state balances its budget. Layla also highlighted some of the constraints placed on the UW system colleges which are not placed on technical colleges.

This video is a little longer than usual, but there is a ton of great information on how Layla is advocating for us in Madison.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Paul