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GREEN BAY – University of Wisconsin students have organized a letter-writing campaign and statewide rally in opposition to the proposed 2015-2017 biennial state budget.

The rally will be held on Thursday, April 2nd at 4pm in Madison on the corner where State St. meets the Capitol building. Letter-writing campaigns will continue across different UW campuses over the next few months.

The rally in Madison is occurring in coordination with a statewide campaign that other UW campuses are participating in. Several different campuses will be present at the Capitol to hear guest speakers and march down State St.

The group, called UW Students Against Education Cuts (UWSAEC), wants the current state funding to the UW System sustained and wants shared governance preserved in state statute. They also want “The Wisconsin Idea” [Wisconsin Statute 36.01(2)] restored to its unmodified form.

The group hopes students and members of the community will unite in support of the UW System and contact their legislators to voice their opinions. “The UW System enriches the lives of Wisconsin communities around the state, and the only way we can save it in the face of these ridiculous cuts is to realize that we need one another’s help,” said Paul Ahrens, Director for UWSAEC.

“We believe that well-funded public institutions are a cornerstone of democracy. These budget cuts will cripple the UW System, and the public authority, if left unchecked, could unravel the fabric that created one of the nation’s best university systems,” said Ahrens.

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UW Students Against Education Cuts is a group of concerned citizens and students who believe that their voice is not being represented in policy decisions. For more information, join the [Face book group](#)

, or read the Green Bay Press Gazette

[article](#)

published on a rally organized by UWSAEC in early March.