Many questions are being raised by students, families and employees about the status of WSU operations for summer and fall sessions. While final decisions will ultimately be made at the state level, our current intent is to conduct both summer sessions as scheduled and to begin fall semester classes as planned on Aug. 22.

MnSCU officials are confident they will reach an agreement with the state budget department to continue operations. If a state shutdown occurs we believe it will be of short duration and that in all likelihood it will not impact the fall semester schedule.

• Our first summer session is underway, and students will be able to complete the session.
• New student registration for fall semester is on schedule to occur June 20-24.
• We plan to begin the second summer session as scheduled on July 5.
• We have a high level of confidence that fall term classes will begin as scheduled on Aug. 22.

The current state budget impasse requires us to begin contingency planning for a potential shutdown. A necessary part of that planning includes layoff notices. We remain hopeful that no layoffs will occur but must begin these steps at this time.

We recognize the uncertainty of this situation is unsettling for everyone. WSU is committed to the success of its students, and we will do everything possible to help students continue their education uninterrupted.

We encourage you to stay connected through the [WSU website](http://www.winona.edu). Reliable information on the impact of the potential state shutdown on Winona State will be posted on our website as it becomes available.

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