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Statement from UW System President Tommy Thompson

MADISON, Wis.—University of Wisconsin System President Tommy Thompson today issued this statement:

“Effective today, UW-Whitewater Chancellor Dwight Watson has been placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation into a complaint. We will have no further comment on this personnel matter at this time. UW-Whitewater Provost Greg Cook will serve as leader of the university until the complaint is resolved.”

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