

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

of the

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

Madison, Wisconsin

Held in Room 1820 Van Hise Hall

Friday, December 11, 1998

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PRESENT: Regents Barry, Benson, Brandes, DeBraska, DeSimone, Gottschalk, Hempel, James, MacNeil, Marcovich, Mohs, Olivieri, Orr, Randall, Smith and Staszak

ABSENT: Regent Boyle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Regents held on November 6, 1998, were unanimously approved as prepared.

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Resolution of Commendation: Regent Kathleen Hempel

Before presenting Resolution 7821, Regent James shared the following observations. Noting that Regent Hempel comes from Southwestern Wisconsin, she added that from that part of the state also came: The first state capitol, in Belmont; the

first Governor of Wisconsin, Nelson Dewey; the first teacher's college, in Platteville; the first school of engineering for mining, in Platteville; the first President of the UW Board of Regents, W. Roy Kopp; the first university in the country to be integrated fully into People Soft, UW-Platteville; and the first woman to chair the Business and Finance Committee, Regent Hempel.

Since the merger that created the UW system, four members of the Board of Regents have come from Southwest Wisconsin: W. Roy Kopp, Marilyn Fitzgerald, Kathleen Hempel and Ruth Marcene James.

Regent James presented the following resolution, which was adopted by acclamation:

Resolution 7821: WHEREAS, Kathleen J. Hempel has served with distinction as a member of the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents since 1992, including chairing the Business and Finance Committee and chairing the Working Group on Access and Affordability for the Study of the UW System in the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, she was instrumental in framing the Board's 1997 policy on investment and social responsibility, approaching this important issue with a sensitivity to student viewpoints and a capacity for consensus-building; and

WHEREAS, she chaired the Regent's Special Search Committee for the UW-Green Bay chancellorship in 1993; and

WHEREAS, she has been supportive of both UW-Platteville, which she attended, and UW-Stevens Point, her undergraduate *alma mater*; and

WHEREAS, she has brought outstanding business and financial skills to her work with the Board, where she established a Systemwide focus on "best business" practices, while at all times exhibiting fair-mindedness, persistence, and a gracious concern for the views of others; and

WHEREAS, she and her family are relocating outside of Wisconsin in 1999; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents does express its deep appreciation to Kathleen J. Hempel for her six-and-a-half years of service, and extends best wishes for continued professional success, personal fulfillment, and community service and grants her the title of Regent Emeritus.

Expressing her appreciation for the resolution, Regent Hempel thanked Vice President Bromberg and her staff, especially Associate Vice Presidents Kathy Sell and Debbie Durcan, who have been extremely helpful to the Business and Finance Committee. She thanked Senior Vice President Olien for his visionary work on the 21st Century Study and also thanked Chancellor Perkins for his positive impact at UW-Green Bay and the Green Bay community.

Regent Hempel observed that her view of chancellors in general had been greatly enhanced and broadened by her experience as a Regent. Her most vivid recollection from serving on the Board, she commented, will be the devotion that Chancellors exhibit to their students, to their communities, and the enormous commitment of personal time they sacrifice on behalf of their institutions.

Finally, Regent Hempel expressed her admiration of President Lyall and her appreciation for working with her. It is very difficult to find people that are both superb managers and executives and also wonderful people. President Lyall is one of those.”

Regent President Orr presented Regent Hempel with a plaque recognizing her distinguished service on the Board of Regents from 1992-1998. He expressed particular appreciation for her skillful and professional leadership of the Business and Finance Committee.

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Report on the November 18, 1998, meeting of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board

A written report on the November 18, 1998, meeting of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board was provided to the Board of Regents.

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Report on the December 10, 1998, meeting of the Hospital Authority Board

A written report on the December 10, 1998, meeting of the Hospital Authority Board was presented to the Board of Regents.

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SYSTEM

Noting that Peter Fox has been an excellent spokesperson for the UW System for the past four-and-a-half years, Regent Barry presented the following resolution, which was adopted by acclamation:

Resolution of Commendation: Peter Fox

Resolution 7822:

WHEREAS, Peter D. Fox has served as Director of Public Information for the University of Wisconsin System since 1994, with responsibility for System Administration news media relations, publications, and the liaison role with statewide business groups; and

WHEREAS, his 21 years of professional reporting and editing experience in Wisconsin and Montana, coupled with extensive service as a public information officer for the Wisconsin Army National Guard, have served him and the UW System well during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, he provided leadership to the 1998 Wisconsin Statehood Day Committee, and has represented the UW System Administration with energy and hard work on the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial™ Commission; and

WHEREAS, he served as staff to the 1997 Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on 21st Century Jobs, chaired by UW System President Katharine Lyall, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the 1998 Governor's Workforce Forum Initiative; and

WHEREAS, he is leaving the UW System on December 16, 1998 to accept an appointment from Governor Tommy Thompson as Special Assistant for the Governor's Initiative on Building Tomorrow's Workforce; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents does express its deep appreciation to Peter D. Fox for his four-and-a-half years of service, and extends best wishes for continued success in his new position in state government.

Mr. Fox thanked the Regents whose predecessors' decisions allowed him to gain his education and to pursue the professional careers he has enjoyed as a journalist and military officer. He could think of no higher public service calling in the State of Wisconsin, he commented, than to serve as a member of the Board of Regents. On behalf of the state's young people, he thanked the Regents for what they do for students and for allowing them to enter the wonderful world of education. In conclusion, he expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Board and the UW.

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Farewell to Regent Hempel

Expressing appreciation for Regent Hempel's service on the Board, President Lyall said she has demonstrated the power of careful listening and thoughtful questioning, as well as the power of best practices to improve the university.

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Good News

UW-Eau Claire Students Present to Supreme Court

President Lyall reported that eleven UW-Eau Claire undergraduate students had a rare opportunity on Monday to present their research on the Wisconsin Constitution to the State Supreme Court. The students had been working on the project since February as part of the Court's celebration of the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial. This project, President Lyall observed, is a wonderful example of enabling students to learn through research and to see how their work contributes to the state.

UW-Milwaukee Fulbright Professorship

President Lyall congratulated UW-Milwaukee Professor Layth Alwan, of the School of Business, who has received a Fulbright grant to teach at the Business School of the University of Morocco next semester. Professor Alwan will teach executive education modules in quality management methods for Moroccan industry. He also will bring back case studies and information to help prepare Wisconsin students better for work in the global economy.

This is the kind of experience, President Lyall commented, that should be multiplied many times over for other faculty and students. Noting that the International Education portion of the biennial budget request would be an important step in that direction, she added that a recent report shows that nationally the number of American students studying abroad has increased 11 percent, while only four percent of UW students have study-abroad opportunities.

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UW-Stevens Point Federal Grant

President Lyall reported that, through the efforts of Congressman David Obey, UW-Stevens point recently received a \$2.1 million federal grant to upgrade the technological capabilities of the College of Natural Resources, particularly the labs and field stations. This is a wonderful investment, President Lyall stated, in the continued excellence of the Natural Resources program at UW-Stevens Point.

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UW-Extension and Department of Commerce Team Up

President Lyall reported that UW-Extension and the State Department of Commerce have formed a partnership to use Extension's twelve Small Business Development Centers across the state to assist small businesses in exporting their products and services globally. Noting that export opportunities are no longer just for large businesses, the President said the UW is excited about helping Wisconsin firms meet the challenges of the global market.

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UW-Stout Foundation Commits \$300,000 to Diversity

It was reported by President Lyall that UW-Stout's Foundation has approved \$300,000, to be matched by another \$100,000 from institutional resources for support of UW-Stout's diversity efforts. The money will be used for activities that attract and retain minority students and staff and for ideas to promote a diverse cultural climate on campus. The President thanked the UW-Stout Foundation for this wonderful commitment to the future of the University.

“Sifting and Winnowing” Plaque at UW-Parkside

President Lyall reported that Chancellor Keating, of UW-Parkside, along with Hilda Greenquist, spouse of former Regent President Kenneth Greenquist, recently presided over unveiling of a replica of the famous “Sifting and Winnowing” plaque that hangs in UW-Madison’s Bascom Hall. In 1964, Regent Greenquist sponsored a resolution to duplicate the plaque at all Chapter 36 institutions as a continuing reminder of the university’s commitment to academic freedom. Sometime during subsequent years, the plaque had been stored away and was found last year by Interim Chancellor Lamb. Chancellor Keating’s ceremony to reinstate it in a place of honor is part of UW-Parkside’s 30th anniversary celebration.

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REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The report of the Education Committee was presented by Regent Brandes, Chair.

Accountability Report

Regent Brandes reported that the annual Accountability Report had been presented by President Lyall at a portion of the meeting to which all Regents were invited.

Presenting Resolutions 7823 to 7827, which had been unanimously approved by the Education Committee, Regent Brandes moved their adoption by the Board of Regents as consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Regent Randall and carried unanimously.

UW-Madison: Authorization to Recruit, Medical School

Resolution 7823: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to recruit for a Professor/Associate Professor, Medical School, Department of Medicine, UW-Madison, at a salary that may exceed the Executive Salary Group Six maximum.

UW-Madison: Authorization to Recruit, Graduate School, University Research Park

Resolution 7824 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to recruit for a Director, University Research Park, at a salary that may exceed the Executive Salary Group Six maximum.

UW Madison: New Program Authorization (Implementation) B.S., Computer Engineering

Resolution 7825: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to implement the B.S. in Computer Engineering.

UW-Green Bay: Appointment of Named Professors

Resolution 7826: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the following named professorships be approved, effective January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2003:

Dr. Ismail Shariff Philip J. and Elizabeth B.
Hendrickson Professorship for
Business;

Dr. Michael Morgan Herbert Fisk Johnson
Professorship in Environmental
Sciences

UW-System: Appointment UW System Representative to the Natural Areas Preservation Council

Resolution 7827: That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the following individuals be appointed a UW System Representatives to the Natural Areas Preservation Council, for the period lasting from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2001:

Ronald G. Hennings, State Geologist and Assistant Director, Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, UW-Extension (reappointment); and

Timothy Ehlinger, Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, UW-Milwaukee

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Report of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Recruitment of Dean, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, UW-River Falls

Senior Vice President Ward reported to the Committee that UW-River Falls intends to recruit for a Dean, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, at a salary below the Executive Salary Group Six maximum.

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Sabbatical Leaves

Senior Vice President Ward announced that 240 faculty members have been selected to receive sabbatical leaves during 1999-2000.

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New Programs: Initial Review

The Education Committee held initial reviews of two programs: 1) a B.S. in Molecular Biology at UW-Parkside; and 2) an M.S. in Physical Therapy at UW-Milwaukee. Both programs will return to the Committee for authorization at its February meeting.

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1997-98 Annual Information Report of Program Review Activity and Program Changes

Senior Vice president Ward presented to the Committee the Annual Report on Program Review and Planning in the UW System. He noted that the UW System has 1113 degree programs, down from 1145 at the time of merger of the System. Since that time, over 300 majors have been deleted and 270 majors have been added. He noted that campuses are making increased use of submajors and are using technology more extensively. Campuses also are beginning to develop internet-based courses.

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Presentation: The impact of Institutional and Specialized Accreditation

Senior Vice President Ward introduced this presentation on the impact that institutional and specialized accreditation have on UW System institutions. He was joined by Provosts Kenneth Watters, UW-Milwaukee; Charles Schelin, UW-Superior; Howard Cohen, UW-Green Bay; and John Wiley, UW-Madison.

Distinguishing between the two types of accreditation, Senior Vice President Ward noted that institutional accreditation focuses on the entire college or university, whereas specialized accreditation evaluates specific units, schools, or programs and is often associated with national professional associations. He emphasized that these are two distinct forms of activity, each with its own methods and goals and each contributing in its own way to the quality of an educational institution.

Discussing the impact of institutional accreditation on his campus, Provost Cohen suggested that the same results could be achieved at less cost by developing a more limited and focused process. Provost Watters observed that one of the greatest benefits of specialized accreditation is that some accrediting bodies emphasize outcome-based assessment. He cited as one of its greatest weaknesses the fact that specialized accreditation can impede progress. Provost Schelin commented that specialized accreditation is important to small, developing public institutions because it helps the campus let students and prospective students know it has strong programs. Provost Wiley cited the very strong professional identification of some accrediting bodies as the major problem with specialized accreditation.

After discussion, the Committee concluded that the current Regent policy on accreditation, Policy 87-1, is in need of revision and strengthening. Regent President Orr and Regent Vice President Smith urged the Board to gain control of the process by working with other educational institutions and organizations to put pressure on accrediting bodies. Senior Vice President Ward agreed to work with Committee members on revising the policy and devising a strategy for strengthening it. Follow up at the February meeting was expected.

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REPORT OF THE PHYSICAL PLANNING AND FUNDING COMMITTEE

The Committee's report was presented by Regent Barry, Chair.

Presenting Resolutions 7828-7833, which had been approved unanimously by the Committee, Regent Barry moved their adoption by the Board of Regents as consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Regent James and carried unanimously.

UW-Colleges: Authority to Seek State Funding for a Distance Learning Facilities Project

Resolution 7828: That, upon the recommendation of the UW Colleges Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to seek State funding of \$262,625 to provide Movable and Special Equipment for a Distance Learning Facilities project to be undertaken by Washington County and the City of West Bend.

UW Colleges: Authority to Enter Into Land Use Agreement

Resolution 7829: That, upon the recommendation of the UW Colleges Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to enter into a land use agreement with the Friends and Alumni of the University of Waukesha-Foundation, Inc., to enable construction of a Classroom Building at the UW-Waukesha Outdoor Biological Laboratory in Waukesha County. The estimated cost is approximately \$250,000, Sherman Property Trust Fund.

UW-Green Bay: Approval of the Design Report and Authority To construct the Academic Building

Resolution 7830: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Green Bay and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Design Report be approved and authority be granted to construct the Academic Building at an estimated total project cost of \$17,000,000 (\$15,000,000 1999-01 General Fund Supported Borrowing and \$2,000,000 Gift Funds).

UW-Madison: Approval of Land Exchange

Resolution 7831: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to a.) exchange two university-owned parcels of land totaling approximately 0.11 acres in the 1000 block of West Dayton Street for a 0.07 acre parcel at 925 West Johnson Street; b.) grant a permanent ingress/egress easement across parking Lot 44, on West Dayton Street; c.) grant a temporary construction easement and permanent joint use agreement on an open space situated between the parking lot and land to be transferred.

UW-Madison: Authority to Construct a Tantalus Building Remodeling Project

Resolution 7832: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to construct a Tantalus Building Remodeling project at the Kegonsa Research Center, at an estimated total project cost of \$194,400, using Graduate School Funds.

UW-Milwaukee: Approval of the Design Report and Authority to

Construct a Sabin Hall Remodeling Project

Resolution 7833: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Milwaukee Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Design Report be approved and authority be granted to construct a Sabin Hall Remodeling project at an estimated total project cost of \$6,662,000 of General Fund Supported Borrowing.

UW-Madison: Approval of the Revised Design Report and Authority to Construct the Engineering Centers Project

Regent Barry presented Resolution 7834, which had been approved unanimously by the Committee, noting that modifications to the design of the Engineering Centers Building had been made since its initial presentation to the Regents. Those modifications in the design were made to improve compatibility with surrounding architecture. Upon motion by Regent Mohs, seconded by Regent Barry, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board.

Resolution 7834: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Revised Design Report be approved and authority be granted to construct the Engineering Centers project at an estimated total project cost of \$52,000,000 (\$22,000,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing –WISTAR, \$22,000,000 Existing Gifts and Grants, and \$8,000,000 Future Gifts and Grants).

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Report of the Vice President/Assistant Vice President

Building Commission Actions

Assistant Vice President Nancy Ives reported that 4 UW System projects totaling about \$8 million were approved at the November State Building Commission meeting.

Annual Landholding Report

The Committee received the Annual Land Holding Report on the 18,000 acres of land held within the UW System.

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First Reading: Physical Planning Principles

Regent Barry reported that the Physical Planning and Funding Committee discussed a first draft of physical planning principles intended to provide guidance to the campuses for future planning. The Committee is seeking input from all Regents, preferably in written form to Assistant Vice President Ives. The intention of the Committee is to review the principles at the February meeting and possibly bring them back for action by the Board at the March meeting. What prompted revisiting these principles, Regent Barry explained, was the perception that it would have been helpful if the design for the Engineering Centers Building had come to the Regents sooner. Possible principles include cost effectiveness of building construction, multiple use of buildings, and architectural compatibility with surrounding buildings.

Regent Mohs commented that architectural compatibility is a matter of interest to many and should be addressed earlier in the process so that the mission of the architect is not only to design a building but to reflect the best of the surrounding architecture.

Regent Barry recalled that the planning principles were last considered when Regent Emeritus Dreyfus chaired the committee and reflected his commitment to placing priority on repairs and renovation, rather than new buildings. The focus on repairs and renovation had an important impact, Regent Barry said, noting that the time has come to bring the principles up to date to reflect additional topics.

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REPORT OF THE BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The report of the Business and Finance Committee was presented by Regent Hempel, Chair.

Presenting Resolution 7835, which had been unanimously approved by the Committee, Regent Hempel moved its adoption by the Board as a consent agenda item. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

UW-Madison: Annual Report on Mainframe Computer Services

Resolution 7835: The Board of Regents authorizes the transmittal of UW-Madison's report on mainframe computing services to the Joint Committee on Finance, the Joint Committee on Information Policy and the State Auditor.

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Y2K Update

The Business and Finance Committee, in a joint session with the Physical Planning and Funding committee heard an update by Vice President Bromberg on the UW System's activities with regard to the year 2000 issue. Other speakers included Associate Vice President Ed Meachen who described the readiness of administrative systems; and Internal Audit Director Ron Yates, who has focused on potential challenges arising from embedded chips and systems, where the problem could be hard-wired into equipment. In that regard, an inventory of every electronic device throughout the UW System is being conducted. Facilities specialist, Richard Panke, referred to Web sites containing information on Y2K and outlined major systems within campus buildings that would contain embedded chips.

Vice President Bromberg introduced former Chancellor Larry Schnack, Chair of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Y2K Preparedness, and Linda Seemeyer, the Y2K administrator for the state. They both commented on the opportunity for the state and university to work together to resolve Y2K issues and expressed appreciation to UW-Extension for the ability to utilize county extension offices to reach school districts, municipalities, and others within each county.

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ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion by Regent Barry, seconded by Regent MacNeil, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

Cancellation of January 1990 Meetings

Resolution 7836: That the Regent meetings scheduled for January 7 and 8, 1999 be cancelled.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:50 a.m. the Board recessed for 10 minutes. The Board reconvened in open session at 10:00 a.m., at which time Regent Smith moved adoption of the following resolution. The motion was adopted on a unanimous roll-call vote, with Regents Barry, Benson, Brandes, DeBraska, DeSimone, Gottschalk, Hempel, James, MacNeil, Marcovich, Mohs, Olivieri, Orr, Randall, Smith, and Staszak (16), voting in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes and no abstentions.

Resolution 7837: That, the Board of Regents recess into closed session, to consider honorary degree nominations at UW-Milwaukee and UW-Whitewater; to consider a student appeal from a UW-Whitewater decision and to consider an appeal from a UW-Madison decision, as permitted by S.19.85(1)(f), *Wis. Stats.*; and to confer with legal counsel, as permitted by S.19.85(1)(g), *Wis. Stats.*

The Board arose from Executive Session at 10:30 a.m., having adopted the following resolutions:

UW-Whitewater: Student Appeal Decision

Resolution 7838: That, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Student Discipline and Student Appeals, the Board of Regents adopts the decision and order in the matter of a student appeal of a UW-Whitewater decision.

Appeal of UW-Madison Decision

Resolution 7839: That, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Student Discipline and Student Appeals, the Board of Regents adopts the decision and order in the matter of an appeal of a UW-Madison decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Judith A. Temby, Secretary

