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Reaction to UW System President Lyall's Retirement

Dr. Rolf Wegenke, president of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU), issued the following statement on the retirement of UW System President Katharine C. Lyall.

“Dr. Lyall and I became presidents of our sister organizations at about the same time, but our relationship goes back many years before that, to when she first came to Wisconsin. It became clear to me as we worked together to assist high-tech business that she is a leader who understands both the world of academia and the world of business.

When Dr. Lyall moved into the presidency of the UW System, she ended a great deal of the contentiousness that had characterized the relationship between public and private higher education. This perhaps is her most significant legacy, a legacy of decency and fairness. She has set a high standard for her successor and for all of us in higher education.”