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ABSENT: Regents Barry and Benson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board were declared approved as distributed.

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**PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

**Resolution of Appreciation to Vice President Marcia Bromberg**

Regent Marcovich read Resolution 8017 and presented it to Vice president Bromberg. Adoption of the resolution was moved by Regent Marcovich, seconded by Regent Gottschalk, and carried unanimously.

Resolution 8017: WHEREAS Marcia W. Bromberg has served with distinction as Vice President of Finance for the University of Wisconsin System since 1996; and

WHEREAS, she has brought strong leadership and oversight in her capacity as chief financial officer for a university system with 26 campuses, statewide Extension, more than 150,000 students, and 26,000 faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, she was responsible for developing, monitoring and reporting the \$2.7 billion system-wide budget, endowment investments and internal audits; and

WHEREAS, she made major contributions in streamlining systemwide financial accounting practices, instituting a common systems infrastructure for administrative infotechnology applications, and developing a forward-looking renovation, maintenance and capital planning process for the UW System; and

WHEREAS, she lead the UW System's Y2K team in an exemplary fashion; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents does express its deep appreciation to Marcia W. Bromberg for her service and valuable contribution to public higher education in Wisconsin, and extends best wishes for continued professional success, personal fulfillment, and community service.

Remarking that it is hard to leave Wisconsin and the UW System, Vice President Bromberg noted that she had been offered a wonderful opportunity at a very competitive salary to assist in the development of a new organization with a mission to help under-served populations take part in the educational experience.

Personally and on behalf of others in the UW System, she thanked the Board of Regents for the extraordinary and successful efforts put forth in advocating a strong biennial budget for the UW. Secondly, she expressed her appreciation to Regent Marcovich, Chair of the Business and Finance Committee, with whom she had worked most closely.

Thanking colleagues throughout the UW system, she characterized them as among the most talented and dedicated people with whom she had ever worked. These often unsung heroes, she pointed out, are essential to the excellence for which the UW System has long been known. Noting that many of these dedicated staff would be retiring within the next ten years, she urged attention to the challenge of replacing them with people of similar quality.

Vice President Bromberg expressed appreciation to her staff in the areas of internal audit, trust fund management, capital budget and planning, operating budget, and financial administration, commenting that she had challenged them repeatedly and they had risen to the challenge time and again. She particularly thanked Lori Mills, Nancy Ives, Ron Yates, Nate Peters, Kathy Sell, Debbie Durcan, and Jan Montgomery.

In conclusion, she expressed appreciation to the other vice presidents and particularly to President Lyall, "a woman of intelligence, integrity, and good humor".

On behalf of the Board, Regent President Orr expressed respect and appreciation to Vice President Bromberg for the enormous difference she had made in three short years of service to the UW System.

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**Report on the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Higher Educational Aids Board**

The Board received a written report on the October 28 meeting of the Higher Educational Aids Board.

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**Report on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Hospital Authority Board**

A written report of the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Hospital Authority Board was provided to the Board of Regents.

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**Report on Legislative matters**

The Board received a written report on legislative matters.

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**Additional Items**

Regent President Orr called attention to a joint meeting with the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, planned in conjunction with the Regents' April 2000 meetings. This joint meeting, he commented, will be an excellent opportunity to improve coordination and work together for the benefit of the people of the state.

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**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SYSTEM**

**Farewell to Marcia Bromberg**

President Lyall expressed appreciation for all that Vice President Bromberg has done for the UW System in her three-year tenure.

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**Presentation of Ameritech Diversity Gift**

Noting that *Plan 2008* is to be implemented by using both public and private funds, President Lyall explained that the public portion has been provided through biennial budget allocations of \$732,000 for pre-college programs and another \$1 million to fund other items related to the plan.

At this time, the President announced the first major private gift in support of *Plan 2008*, a \$1.5 million donation from Ameritech to support pre-college programs over a 4-year period. The principal beneficiaries of the grants are UW-Milwaukee and UW-Madison, each of which will receive \$600,000. The third beneficiary is the Multicultural Information Center, a program of UW System Administration that is located in downtown Milwaukee and serves all UW campuses. The Center will receive \$300,000.

The focus of the grant is expansion of pre-college programs to provide encouragement and academic enrichment at an early age. Evidence suggests that this is the best way to ensure that students of color and economically disadvantaged students complete high school with the academic preparation and confidence needed to go on to college.

Stating that the UW System is committed to reaching and supporting future students who may think that college is not possible, President Lyall observed that this grant and others will send a clear message that college is not only possible, but necessary; and economic status or skin color should not hold students back. This partnership of the state, universities and Ameritech, she added, reflects a consensus that diversity on campus and in the workplace is important and that pre-college programs are a good way to achieve it.

This is the second major Ameritech grant to the UW System in recent years. In 1996, Ameritech helped to launch HELP On-Line, the web site service that offers on-line applications and other information and assistance. Last year, HELP On-Line was used by nearly 17,000 prospective students.

Stating gratitude on behalf of the UW System, President Lyall introduced Ameritech Wisconsin President James Nellen II. Mr. Nellen is the son of Dr. James Nellen, a member of the Board of Regents from 1965-1973 and President of the Board from 1969-1970.

Mr. Nellen introduced Peggy Larson, Director of Corporate Contributions for Ameritech, who played a pivotal roll in the decision to fund *Plan 2008*. He said that Ameritech has a profound interest in supporting programs that attract and retain minority faculty and students. The company also believes that higher education is an effective vehicle for social and economic advancement, and believes that it is vital to a free and democratic society that all segments of the community participate fully in the economic abundance of society. It was hoped that the grant would further the UW's efforts to achieve a diversity that better reflects the community outside academia. *Plan 2008*, he stated, is a laudable effort and Ameritech is pleased to be the first major contributor to this undertaking.

Tess Arenas, Assistant to the President for Multicultural Affairs, expressed deep gratitude to Ameritech for the generous grant in support of pre-college programs. The task now for the UW System is to put the money to work on behalf of Wisconsin students of color and economically disadvantaged students. With the grant from Ameritech to show the way, she hoped others would follow and also show their support.

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### **Extension Administrative Leadership Program**

President Lyall recognized 23 members of the UW-Extension Administrative Leadership Program, who were observing the Board meeting. The program, a model leadership opportunity for faculty and academic staff who work in extension programs statewide, was started by Regent Boyle during his tenure as Chancellor of UW-Extension.

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**Report on Fall 1999 Enrollments**

In her annual report on fall enrollments, President Lyall noted first that the UW has been managing enrollments system-wide since the mid-1980s to ensure that enrollments are balanced with available resources and educational quality for students is maintained. This has been done in such manner as to keep Wisconsin's access rate (the percentage of immediate high school graduates admitted to a UW institution) at 30% for a considerable time. This rate compares very favorably with a national access rate of 20% and shows that Wisconsin continues to provide significantly greater opportunities to attend college than most other states.

System-wide, there were 27,000 new freshmen on UW campuses this fall and a total of 130,211 full-time students. This is about 2,000 FTE (1.5%) above the target for this year. The additional 1,000 FTE access slots funded in the 1999-01 budget will help to maintain this access level while cushioning the impact on support per student.

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**President's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Report**

Providing the Board with copies of the President's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Report, President Lyall noted that the UW System is expanding its boundaries, both geographically and technologically, to meet the demands of students and the Wisconsin economy. Related issues will be discussed with the Regents in connection with enrollment planning for the future.

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**Congratulations to Chancellor Sorensen and UW-Stout Foundation**

President Lyall congratulated Chancellor Sorensen, his Foundation, and Pat Reisinger, Assistant Chancellor of Development and Alumni Services, for surpassing their ten-year fund-raising goal. This fall the UW-Stout Foundation reached \$20 million in assets, far surpassing the \$10 million goal. This exceptional effort is the margin of excellence in support for laboratory equipment, faculty grants, endowed professorships and other needs.

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**UW-Parkside Associate Professor raises money for Parkside Prison Program**

President Lyall recognized Jonathan Shailor, Associate Professor of Communications at UW-Parkside, who raised \$1,200 for the Parkside Prison Project through his "Run to End Violence" at the Chicago Marathon. Held at the Racine Correctional Institution, the project allows inmates to learn literature, music, writing, and other subjects from UW-Parkside professors.



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**UW-Green Bay Cofrin Arboretum Center for Bio-diversity**

It was reported by President Lyall that the new Cofrin Arboretum Center for Bio-diversity will promote education, research, and community service that help to conserve plants and animals of the western Great Lakes region. A priority is making available some of the vast array of information on birds, mammals, and plants from the University's Richter Natural History collections and from the University Herbarium. The Center will help the University maintain its position as a leader in the study of environmental issues, which was a founding focus of UW-Green Bay.

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**UW-Stevens Point's Charles Young is Wisconsin Professor of the Year**

President Lyall extended congratulations to Charles Young, Associate Professor of Music at UW-Stevens Point, who had been named the 1999-2000 Wisconsin Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, for his extraordinary dedication to teaching, commitment to students, and innovative teaching methods. A composer and saxophonist, Dr. Young's incorporation of technology into instruction has been embraced by his colleagues and is much appreciated by his students. The Carnegie Foundation selects only one professor in each state per year for this honor.

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**REPORT OF THE PHYSICAL PLANNING AND FUNDING COMMITTEE**

Regent James, Vice Chair, presented the Committee's report.

Presenting Resolutions 8018-8021, which had been approved unanimously by the Committee, Regent James moved their adoption by the Board of Regents as consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Regent Boyle and carried unanimously.

**UW-Madison: Approval of the Design Report and Authority to Construct a McArdle Cancer Research Laboratory Renovation**

Resolution 8018:           That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Design Report be approved and authority be granted to construct a McArdle Cancer Research Laboratory Renovation project for an

estimated total project cost of \$1,200,000 (\$1,000,000 Gift Funds and \$200,000 Institutional Funds–Federal Overhead).

**UW-Oshkosh: Authority to Construct a Residence Life Maintenance/Computer Lab Remodeling Project**

Resolution 8019: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Oshkosh Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to construct a Residence Life Maintenance/Computer Lab Remodeling project at an estimated total project budget of \$668,650 (\$600,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing – Facilities Repair and Renovation and \$68,650 Program Revenues).

**UW-Platteville: Approval of the Design Report and Authority to Construct a Student Center and Technology Center**

Resolution 8020: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Platteville Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Design Report be approved and authority be granted to construct a Student Center and Technology Center at an estimated total project cost of \$16,850,000 from the following sources:  
\$ 3,735,000 1999-01 General Fund Supported Borrowing  
\$ 765,000 Residual General Fund Supported Borrowing  
\$ 9,500,000 Program Revenue-Supported Borrowing – Segregated Student Fees  
\$ 850,000 Program Revenue Cash and Gift Funds  
\$ 2,000,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing – Auxiliary Services

**UW-Platteville: Authority to Expand the Campus East Boundary and to Purchase One Parcel**

Resolution 8021: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Platteville Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to expand the campus east boundary to include three contiguous parcels on the east side of Hickory Street and to purchase one parcel within the expansion area, 75 Hickory Street, for \$75,000 Program Revenue Parking Funds Cash, including all fees and associated costs.

### **Stewardship of UW Facilities**

Regent James reported that the Physical Planning and Funding Committee met jointly with the Business and Finance Committee to discuss stewardship of UW facilities. Vice President Marcia Bromberg reported to the committees on:

- CARE program: a pool of funds for capital renewal
- FACMAN: a software program that campuses will use to document backlog and plan for future needs; and
- The importance of having an adequate budget for ongoing maintenance needs.

It was noted by Regent James that the first two programs are being put in place and funding is provided in the capital budget. Staff are reviewing the operating budget to see whether adequate funding exists so as not to add to the backlog of maintenance or shorten the useful life of facilities. An initial benchmarking study shows the UW System to be well below peer institutions in this area. She recalled that Regents Emeritus Dreyfus and Gundersen, both chairs of the Physical Planning and Funding Committee, had stressed the dangers of allowing a large maintenance backlog to develop. She commented that it is imperative for the Regents and the UW System to focus on ongoing maintenance and backlog in preparing for the 2001-03 biennial budget.

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### **Report of the Vice President/Assistant Vice President**

Assistant Vice President Nancy Ives reported to the Committee that contracts were awarded for the UW-Green Bay academic building. Approximately \$300,000 was negotiated out of the bids for a variety of minor changes that will not affect the function, quality or maintenance of the facility. The project increase will be about \$1.4 million. The UW-Milwaukee Sabin Hall renovation project was bid within the authorized budget of about \$7 million. The \$12 million renovation of UW-Eau Claire's Phillips Science Hall will be bid on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

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### ***FACMAN Project***

Janis Baun, UW System capital budget planner, reported on progress of the FACMAN project, a facilities audit software program that will be implemented at all UW campuses and other state agencies. The program will provide a flexible management tool that will be used to develop a strategic plan for future capital funding. It is expected that detailed building audits will be completed on all GPR funded buildings by July 1, 2000. The results will be used to develop a funding strategy for the 2001-03 capital budget and beyond.

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## **REPORT OF THE BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Regent Marcovich, Chair, presented the Committee's report.

### **Building the Technology Infrastructure for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Vice President Marcia Bromberg updated the Committee on several infrastructure projects:

- 1) The Shared Financial System is now in progress with a completion goal of June 30, 2001.
- 2) The Payroll Personnel System will soon be ready for an RFP to vendors.
- 3) Use of E-Commerce that will allow both application and payment for admission electronically is nearing the "go live" state.
- 4) FACMAN, the Facilities Management System for the State is being implemented first in the UW System. Facilities audits are now underway on each campus to build the system.
- 5) Progress is being made in building a Data Warehouse to accommodate information needed for management reporting at institutions and systemwide. The goal is to develop data sources that can be seamlessly accessed at all levels.

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### **1999-00 Pay Plan Procedures**

Associate Vice President George Brooks advised the Business and Finance Committee that timing of the biennial budget and approval of the pay plan by the Joint Committee on Employment Relations probably will delay pay increases into the new year for most employees.

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**REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

Vice President Bromberg reported that total gifts, grants and contracts for the quarter ending September 30, 1999, were \$252.4 million, an increase of \$13 million from the comparable period of the previous fiscal year. Federal awards increased \$6.8 million, while non-Federal awards increased \$6.2 million.

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**UW-Madison Intercollegiate Athletics Five-Year Plan**

Vice Chancellor Torphy summarized the UW-Madison Athletic Department's plans to bring their operating and capital budgets into balance and to create a \$10 million reserve. He noted the standing of UW-Madison at the top of the Big 10 in athletics and academics. To meet financial goals, expenditures will be held down and revenues increased to insure fiscal viability.

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**Public forum on Trust Fund Investments**

In the third annual public forum on trust fund investments, Vice President Bromberg reviewed Regent policies guiding proxy voting for UW trust funds and noted shareholder resolutions that had been considered by management for possible proxy voting. Most resolutions were withdrawn or excluded before proxies could be voted, but a vote was cast in favor of a resolution to have Unocal appoint an outside committee to examine the cost of doing business in Burma.

Dolph Bridgewater of TIAA-CREF spoke on corporation governance and proxy voting.

TIAA-CREF, one of the largest institutional investors, has developed a corporate governance policy that is provided to all firms in which they invest. Representative issues include corporate control, board vitality, and executive compensation. As a shareholder, TIAA-CREF acts to encourage responsible behavior on the part of management through communication with management and proxy voting.

Nine people voiced their concerns regarding investment policies in several different areas, most notably with companies operating in East Timor or those that support the Indonesian military.

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## **REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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

Presenting Resolutions 8022-8030, which were approved unanimously 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.

### **University of Wisconsin System: Report on Industrial and Economic Development Funds**

Resolution 8022: That the report on projects undertaken in the UW System during fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99 and supported by Industrial and Economic Development Funds be received and approved for transmittal to the Joint Committee on Finance, in accordance with s.36.25(25)(c), Wis. Stats.

### **UW-Madison: Authorization to Recruit: Assistant, Associate, and/or Professor, Interdisciplinary – Clusters**

Resolution 8023: 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 up to 32 Assistant, Associate and/or Professors, Indersciplinary – Clusters, and to make appointments at salaries that may exceed the Executive Salary Group Six maximum (A or C\$50,000-\$200,000).

### **UW-Madison: Authorization to Recruit: Associate Professor/Professor**

Resolution 8024: 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 an Associate Professor or Professor, Preventive Medicine, and to make an appointment at a salary that may exceed the Executive Salary Group Six maximum (A\$60,000-\$150,000).

**UW-River Falls: New Program Authorization (Implementation):  
B.S./B.A., Teaching English as a Second Language**

Resolution 8025: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to implement the B.S./B.A. in Teaching English as a Second Language.

**UW-River Falls: New Program Authorization (Implementation):  
B.S., Dairy Science**

Resolution 8026: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to implement the B.S. in Dairy Science.

**UW-Stout: New Program Authorization (Implementation): B.S., Technical  
Communication**

Resolution 8027: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stout and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to implement the B.S. in Technical Communication.

**UW-Stout: New Program Authorization (Implementation): B.S., Industrial  
Management**

Resolution 8028: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stout and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to implement the B.S. in Industrial Management.

**UW-Whitewater: New Program Authorization (Implementation):  
B.S./B.B.A., Science-Business Integrated Major**

Resolution 8029: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to implement the B.S./B.B.A., Science-Business Integrated Major.

**UW-Madison: Appointment of Named Professor**

Resolution 8030: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, Bill Sugden, Department of Oncology, be appointed as American Cancer Society Research Professor, effective January 1, 2000.

**Report of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs**

Senior Vice President David Ward reported to the Education Committee that UW-Milwaukee's two-year Student Technology Services program (STS) is now included on Steve Gilbert's list serve, which is sponsored by the American Association for Higher Education. This list has several thousand subscribers and inclusion on it gives the program excellent national exposure and recognition. STS is part of UW-Milwaukee's Information and Media Technologies Division and consists exclusively of student employees. The student-managed organization is responsible for the operation of various computer, media and technology-related campus services. STS employees work in all areas of information technology and are drawn from a variety of academic disciplines.

Senior Vice President Ward also thanked Vice President Marcia Bromberg for her contributions to the UW System and to the Office of Academic Affairs during her three years in Wisconsin. Her creativity and energy, he noted, have helped move a number of important educational initiatives forward.

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**Center for Dairy Profitability**

As part of the report on the use of industrial and economic development funds (see Resolution 8022), the Education Committee heard a presentation by Bruce Jones, Director of the Center for Dairy Profitability. He described the center as a multi-campus, interdisciplinary Extension unit that develops, coordinates, and delivers interdisciplinary educational programs and emphasizes integrated production, financing, and marketing management systems to foster improved dairy profitability.

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**Graying of the Faculty Presentation: *Fall 1999 New Faculty profile***

The Education Committee heard a presentation profiling 1999 new faculty hires at three UW institutions. The presentation is the first of a three-part series on graying of the faculty. Panelists were Provost William Meyer, UW-Stevens Point; Provost Marie Wunsch, UW colleges; and Provost John Wiley, UW-Madison.

Provost Wunsch noted that the UW Colleges have developed a more focused recruitment plan with the goal of developing a faculty with skills and training needed for the future. The Colleges follow three principles in recruiting new faculty, namely: 1) Teaching is the primary expectation; 2) the focus is on integrating the teaching/learning environment; and 3) distance learning should be made a part of the normal educational process.

Provost Meyer noted that over 39% of UW-Stevens Point's faculty are over the age of 55 and that the campus has averaged over 15 retirements per year over the last five years. As competition for faculty increases over the next few years, filling vacated positions with qualified individuals will continue to be a difficult task.

Provost Wiley observed that the problems are similar at all institutions and that situations on the Madison campus vary by discipline. He indicated that UW-Madison intends to rebuild its faculty by 150 faculty members. Across all departments, the UW-Madison faculty is almost 23% female and recent hires will increase that percentage.

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**1999-2000 Education Committee Agenda**

The Education Committee agreed on the following areas of emphasis for 1999-2000: Faculty recruitment and development, distance education, economic development, credit transfer and the Wisconsin Technical College System, international programs, *Plan 2008* and K-12.

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**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**Congratulations to Chancellors**

Regent President Orr commended Chancellor Ward for UW-Madison's program of interdisciplinary hires. Stating the Board's support for this initiative, he observed that the contributions of these new people will be highly beneficial for the university and the state.

Regent President Orr congratulated the UW Chancellors on the innovative academic programs being developed by the UW institutions. These programs reflect a response to the needs of the people of the state and many incorporate distance education.

**Demand for Adult Education**

Referring to presentations heard the preceding day by Carol Aslanian, of the College Board, and Roger Hammer and Robin Blakely of the UW-Madison Applied Population Laboratory, Regent President Orr observed that there clearly will be a growing need and demand by adults for education to help improve the quality of their lives and, thereby, the quality of the state's economy. Predicting that the demand will grow rapidly, he said Ms. Aslanian's presentation made it clear that adults are looking for courses with the content they need, offered in a timely fashion and responding to their schedules and constraints. Adults often are in a position to pay for these courses, many times financed by their employers.

Challenging chancellors to look carefully at this market, Regent President Orr said the UW has an obligation to the people of Wisconsin to address this need and now has the tools to address it, with the newly granted continuing appropriation authority. University System of Georgia Chancellor Stephen Portch had advised the Board in an earlier presentation that, while Wisconsin has a superb higher educational system, average personal income is below the national average. Furnishing adults with additional training will raise personal income in the state, along with benefiting Wisconsin companies that are growing. These companies, in turn, will provide employment opportunities for UW graduates in the years ahead.

Regent President Orr presented the following resolution of appreciation to the Governor and Legislature for providing the UW with the best biennial budget in two decades. Adoption of Resolution 8031 was moved by Regent Marcovich, seconded by Regent James and carried unanimously.

**Resolution of Appreciation to the Governor and Legislature**

Resolution 8031:           WHEREAS, the ongoing quality and success of the University of Wisconsin System in meeting its mission of delivering quality instruction, research, and service to the citizens of Wisconsin is dependant upon the ongoing support and partnership of the State; and

WHEREAS, the linkages between the work of the University and the urgent needs of the State are increasingly important in today's knowledge-based global economy; and

WHEREAS, the 1999-2001 biennial budget for the UW System affirms the vital role that public higher education will play in Wisconsin's future; and

WHEREAS, the Executive and Legislative branches of state government, led by Governor Tommy Thompson, Assembly Speaker Scott Jensen, and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Chvala, acted with great vision, leadership and persistence in developing a budget for the University that recognizes public higher education among the state's top priorities, and helps the UW System remain a world leader in higher education; and

WHEREAS, the 1999-2001 biennial budget as proposed by the Governor and approved by the Wisconsin State Legislature is the best budget for the University in two decades;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System highly commends the partnership and support of Governor Thompson, Speaker Jensen, Senate Majority Leader Chvala and the members of the Wisconsin State Legislature for this significant investment in public higher education and Wisconsin's future;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of students, faculty, administrators, and the entire UW System community across Wisconsin, the Board extends sincere appreciation and gratitude for a budget that will help make one of America's premiere university systems even greater.

Regent Orr indicated that plaques with resolutions affixed would be presented to representatives of the Governor and Legislature.

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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 adoption of the following resolution was moved by Regent Smith, seconded by Regent DeSimone, and adopted on a unanimous roll-call vote, with Regents Axtell, Boyle, Brandes, DeSimone, Gottschalk, Gracz, James, MacNeil,

Marcovich, Mohs, Olivieri, Randall, and Smith (13) voting in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes.

Resolution 8032            That, the Board of Regents recess into closed session, to consider honorary degree nominations at UW-Madison and UW-Oshkosh, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(f), *Wis. Stats.*, to consider an appeal from a UW Colleges 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 10:10 a.m., at which time the meeting was adjourned.

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Judith A. Temby, Secretary