

## MINUTES

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE, BOARD OF REGENTS

1820 Van Hise Hall

Madison, Wisconsin

September 7, 2000

The September 7, 2000 meeting of the Education Committee was called to order by Regent JoAnne Brandes at 1:30 p.m. Regents Axtell, Benson, Boyle, Mohs, Olivieri, Randall and Smith were present.

1. Approval of the minutes of the June 8, 2000 meeting of the Education Committee.

It was moved by Regent Benson, seconded by Regent Mohs, that the minutes of the June 8, 2000 meeting of the Education Committee be approved.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

2. 2000-01 Education Committee Agenda.

Committee members discussed emphasizing the following areas for the 2000-01 committee agenda: (1) the Wisconsin economy, (2) teacher education and other K-16 partnership issues; (3) the student experience, (4) international experience; (5) access; and (6) diversity. In discussion, it was emphasized that these areas are interrelated, e.g., access and teacher education are important to the Wisconsin economy, and diversity and international experience are significant components of the overall student experience. This list will be finalized at the committee's October meeting. In addition, the committee agreed on the importance of: (1) specifying expected outcomes of each discussion; (2) examining benchmarks for each priority area; and (3) dealing with any budget-related issues needing further development.

3. Report of the Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

(a) Presentation: *Technology and Teacher Education*

Larry Rubin, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the report of the Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. He introduced a presentation on Technology and Teacher Education. Presenters were: Dana Nelson, Director of PK-16 Initiatives, UW System Administration; Nancy Kaufman, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Graduate Studies, UW-Oshkosh; and Eileen Schroeder, Associate Professor of Education, UW-Whitewater. They described the work of the UW System Task Force on Technology and Teacher Education, which is charged to: (1) review standards from national and professional organizations; (2) review technology standards for PK-12 students; (3) collect information on current practices in UW programs; and (4) work with DPI on teacher education rules. In addition, UW System has established a Best Practices Task Force with three major themes: (1) proficiencies and standards for teachers; (2) faculty development; and (3) equipment and support. Presenters outlined five Next Steps: (1) develop a white paper on technology plans for teacher education; (2) plan and implement campus-based and systemwide initiatives; (3) engage with external stakeholders; (4) disseminate best practices; and (5) seek support.

Responding to Regent Brandes, Dr. Kaufman stated that access to technology across the state is "very uneven". Although progress has been made in the availability of grants, the disparity in dissemination of available resources is significant. Addressing the question of disparity, Regent Benson noted that annual expenditures per school district in Wisconsin ranges from \$6500 to \$16,000 per child.

In response to Regent Randall, Dr. Schroeder said that the audio-visual license has been adapted to the current situation, but is still in effect and is called a technology coordinator license. She noted that all teacher education graduates have basic competencies in this area. Also responding to Regent Randall, Dr. Kaufman stated that institutions are developing partnerships with communities and businesses to enhance the use of technology, but that teacher development remains a major challenge.

Regent Olivieri emphasized the importance of acting in response to presentations and encouraged the committee to act soon to specify what the board wants done in the area of technology. Regent Axtell emphasized the importance of life-long learning and expressed the hope that training in technology can serve as a model for such learning in other areas. Responding to his comments, Dr. Nelson stressed that technology training should not focus on skills alone, but rather on how to use the technology to turn information into knowledge. Dr. Kaufman noted that teacher education must, by its very nature, examine all disciplines. Responding to Regent Randall, Regent Benson emphasized that state proficiency standards apply to all categories of licensed staff, not just classroom instructors.

(b) Announcement of Intention to Recruit for Academic Dean

As stipulated in Unclassified Personnel Guidelines 5.03(4)(b), Assistant V.P. Rubin reported the following searches for academic deans: (1) School of Education, UW-Milwaukee; (2) School of the Arts, UW-Milwaukee; (3) School of Nursing, UW-Milwaukee; (4) Professional Studies and Outreach, UW-Green Bay; and (5) Liberal Arts and Sciences, UW-Green Bay.

4. Report on Fall 1998-99 Course Drop Rates.

- I.1.c. It was moved by Regent Axtell, seconded by Benson, that upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Report on 1999-00 Undergraduate Drop Rates for submission to the Joint Committee on Finance.

In response to a question from Regent Olivieri, Interim Vice Chancellor Margaret Cleek cited several actions the UW Colleges have taken to deal with the drop rate: (1) a major advising initiative; (2) improved analysis of course-taking patterns with an eye to determining what is the most successful curriculum for at-risk students; and (3) providing returning adult student advisors. She noted that improved advising has been assisted by the funds provided in the last budget cycle. Responding to Regent Boyle, Dr. Cleek stated that data collected on students who drop out of school show that major reasons are finances, jobs and transferring to another institution. She noted that ten percent of students who drop out do so for academic reasons.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

5. Authorization to Recruit.

- I.1.d.(1) It was moved by Regent Boyle, seconded by Mohs, that upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh be authorized to recruit for a Provost and Vice Chancellor, at a salary within the 2000-01 Regent Salary Range.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

- I.1.d.(2) It was moved by Regent Randall, seconded by Axtell, that upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin Colleges be authorized to recruit for a Provost and Vice Chancellor, at a salary within the 2000-01 Regent Salary Range.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

6. New Program Authorizations.

The committee heard an initial review of a proposed B.S. in Applied Science, UW-Stout. Professor Mary Orfield reviewed the proposal. In response to Regent Axtell, Dr. Orfield indicated that the projected enrollment figures are an "educated guess" due to a lack of comparable programs. Regents Brandes and Olivieri praised the program, stressing the importance of understanding the sciences behind the products a company produces and/or sells. Regent Boyle praised the fact that the program relies heavily on gifts and grants for its funding.

Regent Olivieri questioned the adequacy of market analysis done for all programs brought before the board and stressed the need for developing a systematic way of doing market surveys. Assistant V.P. Rubin noted that the UW market research division is available to those institutions developing new programs.

7. Revisions to Faculty Policies and Procedures.

- I.1.f.(1) It was moved by Regent Randall, seconded by Regent Mohs, that revisions to the UW-Eau Claire Faculty and Academic Staff Personnel Policies and Procedures be approved.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

- I.1.f.(2) It was moved by Regent Boyle, seconded by Regent Mohs, that revisions to the UW-Milwaukee Faculty Policies and Procedures be approved.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

8. Revised Mission Statement: UW-Stout.

Provost Robert Sedlak reviewed UW-Stout's proposed revised mission statement. Responding to Regent Boyle, he said that the university's faculty are qualified to offer a master's degree in Manufacturing Engineering, although additional new faculty will be needed.

Following a public hearing, the revision will come before the committee for final consideration.

9. Additional items.

There were no additional items to come before the committee.

10. Closed session to consider personnel matters, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats.

It was moved by Regent Benson, seconded by Regent Axtell, that the committee adjourn to closed session to consider personnel matters, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats.

The resolution PASSED by a roll call vote, with Regents Axtell, Benson, Boyle, Brandes, Mohs and Olivieri voting "yes," and no regents voting "no."

In closed session:

I.1.i.(1) It was moved by Regent Randall, seconded by Regent Axtell, that the following named professorships be approved at UW-Madison:

John W. Suttie Dept. of Biochemistry	Katherine Berns Van Donk Steenbock Professor in Nutrition (effective July 1, 2000);
Byron E. Shafer Dept. of Political Science	Glenn B. and Cleone Orr Hawkins Chair (effective June 28, 2001)
David T. Canon Dept. of Political Science	Glenn B. and Cleone Orr Hawkins Professor (for the period June 1, 2000-May 31, 2005);
John J. Coleman Dept. of Political Science	Glenn B. and Cleone Orr Hawkins Professor (for the period June 1, 2000-May 31, 2005);
David L. Weimer Dept. of Political Science	Glenn B. and Cleone Orr Hawkins Professor (for the period July 1, 2000-June 30, 2005);
Martine Debaisieux Dept. of French and Italian	Halverson-Bascom Professor (for the period July 1, 2000-June 30, 2003);
Christopher Kleinhenz Dept. of French and Italian	Carol Mason Kirk Professor (for the period July 1, 2000-June 30, 2003);

Mary Lydon  
Dept. of French and Italian

Pickard-Bascom Professor (for the  
period July 1, 2000-June 30, 2003).

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

- I.1.i.(2) It was moved by Regent Boyle, seconded by Regent Axtell, that Gour Choudhury be appointed to the Steenbock Endowed Chair, UW-Stout, effective Semester I, 2000-01 through Semester I, 2002-03.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

- I.1.i.(3) It was moved by Regent Randall, seconded by Regent Mohs, that James G. Wiener be appointed Wisconsin Distinguished Professor, River Studies Center, UW-La Crosse, for the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2005.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

Resolutions I.1.c., I.1.d.(1) and (2), I.1.f.(1) and (2), and I.1.i.(1)-(3) were referred to the full session of the board at its Friday, September 8, 2000 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.