

MINUTES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE, BOARD OF REGENTS

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University of Wisconsin-River Falls

May 10, 2001

The May 10, 2001 meeting of the Education Committee was called to order by Regent JoAnne Brandes at 3:05 p.m. Regents Axtell, Benson, Boyle, Mohs, Olivieri, Randall and Smith were present.

1. Approval of the minutes of the April 5, 2001 meeting of the Education Committee.

It was moved by Regent Benson, seconded by Regent Boyle, that the minutes of the April 5, 2001 meeting of the Education Committee be approved.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

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

(a) UW-River Falls Presentation: *Campus Articulation Agreements*

Chancellor Ann Lydecker introduced a program on campus transfer articulation agreements between UW-River Falls and Wisconsin Technical College districts. The presentation included discussion of new articulations in the area of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, and a demonstration of an online degree audit review for transfer students.

Responding to Regent Olivieri, Chancellor Lydecker noted that the UW System Transfer Information System team has done much work in establishing course equivalencies throughout the System. Assistant Vice President Larry Rubin indicated that the technical college system has entered some equivalencies into the UW System Transfer Information System.

(b) PK-16 Educational Initiatives

Interim Senior Vice President Beaver introduced a presentation on PK-16 initiatives. He noted that one of the Education Committee's priorities for this academic year is the establishment of PK-16 partnerships. The board has acted in two areas: (1) asking President Lyall to work with Superintendent Benson to form a state PK-16 Council; and (2) requiring UW System institutions to report, as part of their IT plans, how they are incorporating best practices in technology for teacher education. He then introduced UW-Milwaukee Chancellor Nancy Zimpher who, together with Chancellor Jack Keating, UW-Parkside, and Chancellor Jack Miller, UW-Whitewater, reviewed proposed PK-16 principles. These principles will undergo final consideration at the committee's June meeting. Chancellor Zimpher acknowledged Dana Nelson, Director of the UW System PK-16 Initiative, and Steve Bialek, Academic Planner, for their work on the development of these principles.

Chancellor Zimpher stressed the importance of holding the entire campus community accountable for the quality of teacher education. Central to this effort is linking faculty in

teacher education and the liberal arts. Both Chancellor Keating and Chancellor Miller emphasized the importance of providing the flexibility to allow institution the autonomy to adapt to local conditions.

Responding to Regent Boyle's question about eliminating the degree in education, Chancellor Zimpher stressed the importance of balancing content and pedagogy. She indicated that the real issue is not a matter of structure, but one of assuming university-wide responsibility for the quality of teacher preparation.

Regent Randall proposed examining the UW's gatekeeper function; establishing system level coordination in creating centers of excellence to take advantage of specific institutional strengths; and looking at the university's role in educating administrators.

Regent Olivieri questioned whether the draft resolution allows chancellors too much flexibility in deciding which principles to implement. He argued that not all items in the document are related to local collaboration, but rather reflect actions in which all campuses ought to engage. He expressed the view that the resolution should include a requirement that the latter items be addressed in campus plans.

(c) Announcement of the proffer from the trustees of the William F. Vilas Trust Estate

Interim Senior Vice President Beaver announced that the Trustees of the William F. Vilas Trust Estate have approved a total of \$4,388,960, distributed as follows: (a) \$4,344,310 to support Vilas Research Professors at UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee; continuation of Vilas Scholarships and Young Investigator Awards; (b) \$44,650 to support fine arts programs at UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee. In addition, the Trust agrees to make available \$35,000 to support a Vilas Research Professor at UW-Milwaukee, when that individual is appointed. Finally, the Trustees approved allocation of \$7,266,877 to a special construction fund for the UW-Madison Microbial Sciences Building.

3. Authorization to Recruit.

The committee had no requests for authorization to recruit.

4. Academic Program Planning and Review:

Interim Senior Vice President Beaver introduced the follow-up discussion to the March presentation on Academic Program Planning and Review. He reviewed steps taken by the Office of Academic Affairs to improve information provided the committee in six areas: collaboration, distance education, reporting of program numbers, consistency with mission, market research and budget. A working group has been appointed to evaluate actions taken in these areas and suggest other ways to improve the process. Regent Olivieri commented that the report was extremely responsive to the committee's concerns.

5. AODA Discussion

UW Eau Claire Chancellor Donald Mash, chair of the UW System Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, summarized changes made to the proposed revisions in the UW Policy on *Use of Alcohol on System Campuses* in response to the committee's April discussion, and discussed his committee's future activity. Regent Brandes noted that the National Institute of Health will be issuing

a report in August on this topic. The author of that report has agreed to speak to the board in September.

Regent Axtell expressed his pleasure with the “steel” that had been added to the resolution and expressed the hope that the committee will report regularly to the board on its work.

- I.1.e. It was moved by Regent Axtell, seconded by Regent Olivieri, that the UW System Policy 85-2, *Use of Alcohol on System Campuses*, be replaced with the *Principles for Developing Alcohol Policies and Programs at UW System Institutions*, and that UW System Administration be directed to develop a uniform process of reporting that will allow the UW System institutions to assess the impact of UW System AODA programs.

6. New Program Authorizations.

Two programs were before the committee for initial review.

Dr. Gary Rockwood presented a proposed M.S. in Mental Health Counseling, UW-Stout. Responding to Regent Boyle, he indicated that the program chose to maintain a 48 credit, as well as a 60 credit option, because at present Wisconsin requires only 48 credits for certification.

Interim Provost Gary Sandefur, UW-Madison, introduced a proposed Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing. Regent Olivieri asked that next month’s report include a discussion of possible collaboration with UW-Milwaukee’s M.A. and Ph.D. programs in writing.

Both programs will come before the board for final consideration in June.

In discussion, Regent Axtell asked for an update on UW-Madison’s *Connections* program with UW Colleges.

7. Additional items.

There were no additional items to come before the committee.

8. 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.h.(1) It was moved by Regent Axtell, seconded by Regent Smith, that Mark Ediger and Samuel Gellman, UW-Madison, be appointed Helfaer Professors in Chemistry, effective July 1, 2001.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

I.1.h.(2) It was moved by Regent Mohs, seconded by Regent Boyle, that the following named professorships be approved, UW-Stout:

Bruce Kuehl	Dahlgren Professor (effective July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003);
Howard Lee	Dahlgren Professor (effective July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003);
Patrick Liebergen	Dahlgren Professor (effective July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003)
Charles Bomar	Maybelle Ranney Price Professor (effective July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002).

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

I.1.h.(3) It was moved by Regent Mohs, seconded by Regent Boyle, that making the following named professor appointments, UW-Whitewater, effective June 1, 2001 through May 31, 2004.

Robert Gruber	C.A. Black Professorship in Accounting;
Roy C. Weatherwax	Arthur Andersen Professorship in Accounting.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

Resolutions I.1.e., and I.1.h.(1)-(3) were referred to the full session of the board at its Friday, May 11, 2001 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.