

MINUTES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE, BOARD OF REGENTS

Davies Center, Council Fire Room

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

October 4, 2001

1. Approval of the minutes of the September 6, 2001 meeting of the Education Committee.

Regent Boyle convened the Education Committee at 1:35 p.m. Regents Brandes, Burmaster, Marcovich, Mohs, Olivieri, and Smith were present. Regent Randall joined the meeting in progress.

It was moved by Regent Mohs, seconded by Regent Burmaster, that the minutes of the September 6, 2001 meeting of the Education Committee be approved.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

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

Cora Marrett, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the report of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. She began by noting that one of the ways we measure quality in higher education is through outside evaluation, and that the North Central Association (NCA) helps us do that. She then introduced Chancellor Donald Mash to discuss UW-Eau Claire's NCA report.

Chancellor Mash described the campus process used to develop the report that was submitted to the NCA, which was followed by a visit to UW-Eau Claire by the NCA team of evaluators and ten-year re-accreditation. The team noted specific strengths and challenges, including a distinctive undergraduate experience, a wealth of opportunities for student-faculty collaboration, international experiences, service learning, and internships. Concerns of the NCA team focused on the negative impact of the decline in state financial support, the organizational structure for graduate programs, the lack of a centralized coordination of outreach programming, the need to develop a plan for providing services to non-traditional students, and improving diversity among faculty and staff.

Chancellor Mash presented specific actions the University is taking to address each of the concerns. He concluded by restating Eau Claire's clear sense of mission and its strategic plan to continue enhancing the quality of teaching, learning and personal development; to expand and enhance regional services and impact, and to broaden and increase the University's resource base. In response to a question by Regent Boyle, Chancellor Mash noted that the resource issue is the University's biggest challenge identified by NCA.

In introducing Provost Ronald Satz, Chancellor Mash recognized UW-Eau Claire's Faculty-Student Collaborative Research program as a UW System Center of Excellence. Provost Satz remarked that forty-one years ago, the faculty set aside funds to support collaborative research programs involving undergraduates. The program has grown to involve almost 700 students and 450 faculty. Recently, students voted to support the program through differential tuition (resulting in \$500,000 per year), a decision that the NCA commended. Four faculty members, 3 students, and one alumna community educator emphasized the

multiple benefits of their collaborative research projects in the areas of chemistry, preparation of Hmong educators, and interdisciplinary work in history, geography and American Indian Studies.

Senior Vice President Marrett began a brief, month-by-month review of the 2001-2002 Education Committee agendas by highlighting the extent to which quality student experiences require sustained investment in infrastructure. She noted that these agendas remain tentative, and expressed her appreciation for the input received from the Education Committee, the Provosts, the Faculty Representatives, the Student Affairs Officers, and others.

Senior Vice President Marrett presented several good news items, including an Educause award to UW-Milwaukee's Student Technology Services for "Exemplary Practices in Information Technology Solutions," and an award to Arthur B. Ellis, Professor of Chemistry at UW-Madison, by the National Science Foundation honoring research excellence that is shared with students and the public. She also lauded the sensitive responses made by the campuses in the wake of the events of September 11, calling these more "good works," than "good news" items. She emphasized that the importance of climate is exemplified by these responses.

Senior Vice President Marrett returned to the issue of climate by referring to the update of the Plan 2008 Report distributed to the Regents. She expressed her interest in a useful, outcome-oriented final report on climate and retention that would be presented at the June meeting of the Board. Regent Mohs expressed the concern that the Regents need more time for discussion after receiving reports such as Plan 2008. He emphasized the need for accountability, stating that it is the Board's and the UW System's responsibility to attain the goals set in Plan 2008.

The discussion then focused on the most appropriate ways for the Board to help implement Plan 2008, including the suggestion that a Regent sub-committee be formed to determine appropriate evaluation and assessment measures. Regent Olivieri called Plan 2008 a living document and suggested that UW System Administration should develop specific recommendations during the implementation of Plan 2008, and upon which the Board could act. Regent Smith concurred, noting that the Office of Multicultural Affairs needs to bring relevant issues, barriers and challenges to the Board, and the Board needs to respond to them.

3. Regent Response to Section 9156(2mp) of 2001 Wisconsin Act 16, Reports on Transfer Credit.

Regent Boyle indicated that the report on Transfer Credit is in response to a legislative directive requiring the University of Wisconsin System and the Wisconsin Technical College System to submit October reports that address: (a) the implementation status of the plan required under 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, section 9154 (4g), concerning the transfer of credits from the Technical College System to the University of Wisconsin System; and (b) the identification of occupations in high demand by geographic region and a plan to expand educational programs to meet the needs identified.

Regent Boyle continued by noting that in June the Board of Regents received a Status Report on Transfer Initiatives between the two systems and had a fairly lengthy discussion about the extensive progress made since the June 15, 2000 Report. He added that since then, further progress had occurred, as evidenced by the signing of the Nursing articulation agreement and the Early Childhood Education articulation agreement. In addition to meeting legislative mandate, the current report functions as an update, including those activities undertaken since the June report and initiatives for the next biennium.

Senior Vice President Cora Marrett noted that UW System Administration has been working with representatives of the Wisconsin Technical College System to develop a single report. At this time, the two systems are close to agreement, but the current report has not been finalized.

- I.1.d. It was moved by Regent Mohs, seconded by Regent Burmaster, that, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Transfer Credit Report for transmittal to the Education Committees of the Assembly and Senate, in accordance with s.9156(2mp) of 2001 Wisconsin Act 16, with the understanding that if substantive revisions are made to the report prior to transmittal, such revisions will be submitted to the Board of Regents Executive Committee for approval.

Regent Olivieri expressed concern over approving a report that is not final. In response to Regent Mohs, President Lyall indicated that a delay in submitting the report could be requested from the Legislature. Regent Mohs and Regent Burmaster agreed to withdraw the motion with the understanding that such a request to the Legislature would be made, that work would continue on the report, and that the Education Committee would reconsider the motion at the December meeting.

4. Introduction to Student Retention Issues

Associate Vice President Ron Singer described three future Education Committee presentations on student retention issues. For the December meeting, a guest speaker will discuss: (1) how U.W. institution graduation rates compare to other institutions nationally; (2) the primary factors affecting retention; and (3) what universities across the nation are doing to improve their retention and graduation rates. In March, the presentation will highlight Best Practices for Improving Retention, and in May, the Education Committee will hear about Assessment and Measurement of Retention.

5. Revised Mission Statement: UW-Superior.

Regent Boyle noted that UW-Superior held the required public hearing on the proposed mission revision following its presentation at the September Education Committee meeting.

- I.1.e. It was moved by Regent Olivieri, seconded by Regent Marcovich, that, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the University of Wisconsin-Superior's revised mission statement.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

6. Authorization to Recruit.

- I.1.f.(1) It was moved by Regent Burmaster, seconded by Regent Marcovich, that upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay be authorized to recruit for a Provost and Vice Chancellor, at a salary within the 2001-02 Regent Salary Range.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

- I.1.f.(2) It was moved by Regent Burmaster, seconded by Regent Olivieri, that upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin Colleges and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to recruit for a Campus Dean, UW-Baraboo/Sauk County.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

- I.1.f.(3) It was moved by Regent Burmaster, seconded by Regent Marcovich, that upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin Colleges and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to recruit for a Campus Dean, UW-Marshfield/Wood County.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

- I.1.f.(4) It was moved by Regent Burmaster, seconded by Marcovich, that upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin Colleges and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to recruit for a Campus Dean, UW-Fond du Lac.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

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 Olivieri, seconded by Regent Burmaster, 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 Boyle, Burmaster, Marcovich, Mohs, and Olivieri voting “yes,” and no regents voting “no.”

In closed session:

- I.1.h.(1) It was moved by Regent Mohs, seconded by Regent Olivieri, that upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the name of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Social Welfare be changed to the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

- I.1.h.(2) It was moved by Regent Mohs, seconded by Regent Olivieri, that Dr. Sally Magnan be appointed the Pickard-Bascom Professor of French and Italian, for the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2004.

The resolution PASSED unanimously.

Resolutions I.1.e., I.1.f.(1)-(4), and I.1.h.(1)-(2) were referred to the full session of the board at its Friday, October 5, 2001 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.