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of the

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UW-Madison

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PRESENT: Regents Amato, Axtell, Bradley, Burmaster, Connolly-Keesler, Davis, Gottschalk, Gracz, Marcovich, Mohs, Olivieri, Pruitt, Randall, Richlen, Rosenzweig, Salas, and Walsh

ABSENT: None

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup> meetings stood approved as distributed.

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**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

**Resolution of Appreciation: Chancellor Nancy Zimpher**

Introducing Resolution 8721, Regent Olivieri expressed gratitude for the legacy that Chancellor Zimpher will leave at UW-Milwaukee – a solid foundation for strengthening the university in terms of academics, fund raising capacity, position within the community, and its role within the state and the UW System.

The resolution was adopted by acclamation, with a standing ovation in honor of Chancellor Zimpher.

**Resolution of Appreciation: Chancellor Nancy Zimpher**

Resolution 8721: WHEREAS, Nancy L. Zimpher has dedicated herself for five years to cultivating and making demonstrated progress toward achieving a vision for the future of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee as one of the nation's premier urban research universities as UWM's sixth chancellor; and

WHEREAS, Zimpher has revitalized UWM as one of the region's preeminent economic, social and academic drivers through "The Milwaukee Idea," which has forged unprecedented university-community partnerships that enhance the quality of life for all; and

WHEREAS, Zimpher has made numerous contributions toward improving education and education research, notably as co-chair of the nationally recognized Milwaukee Partnership Academy, an urban PK-16 council through which UWM is helping to lead the way to close the achievement gap for Milwaukee Public Schools children and supply high-quality teachers to Milwaukee's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Zimpher has paved the way for UWM to further build its academic and resource bases, having expanded enrollment, strengthened graduate education, and made dramatic gains in extramural funding, creating a new, private fund-raising infrastructure and achieving a 67 percent growth in federal funding over five years; and

WHEREAS, Zimpher nurtured the beginnings of TechStar, a growing tech-transfer partnership among Milwaukee-area public and private institutions, and UWM's College Connection, which expands UWM's reach by offering bachelor degrees on UW Colleges and technical college campuses; and

WHEREAS, Zimpher's role extends beyond the boundaries of the university to include service on and chairwomanships of several civic boards and commissions, including the Wisconsin State Superintendent's Blue Ribbon Commission of the Arts and Education, campaigns for the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Junior Achievement of Wisconsin, the Lynde and Harry Bradley School of Technology and Trade Commission, and former Wisconsin Governor Tommy G. Thompson's Task Force on Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, Zimpher has been recognized as a national leader in higher education, chairing the Commission on International Programs for the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges and most recently, winning the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District Five CEO award for 2003; and

WHEREAS, Zimpher's genuine, creative leadership has prepared UW-Milwaukee for a bright, boundless future, and leaves the city having made a positive, enduring impact on the true fulfillment of the Wisconsin Idea through the Milwaukee Idea;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents highly commends and extends its deep gratitude to Nancy L. Zimpher for her significant accomplishments and lasting legacy, and wishes her well as she returns home to Ohio to continue her career as President of the University of Cincinnati.

Expressing appreciation for the resolution, Chancellor Zimpher noted that she had a lot to learn when she arrived in 1998 as a new chancellor and that she had learned much in the board's meeting room. She has been very fortunate, she observed, to have had the opportunity to benefit from the leadership of President Lyall and the Board of Regents and to work with a distinguished team of UW chancellors.

Among the lessons that she had learned were: 1) Organizations are most effective when a well-articulated and ambitious vision of the future exists; 2) a coherent vision is derived at the hands of many, including various interests and constituencies; and 3) it is necessary to have the pocketbook to match the aspirations that result.

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**Report on the July 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Higher Educational Aids Board**

A written report on the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Higher Educational Aids Board was provided.

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**Report from the Wisconsin Technical College System Board**

The regents received a written update on the Wisconsin Technical College System.

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**Report on the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Hospital Authority Board**

A written report on the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Hospital Authority Board was provided. Regent Axtell had been asked by Regent President Marcovich to serve as a Regent liaison to the board, joining Regent members Amato, Mohs and Rosenzweig.

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**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SYSTEM**

***Thanks to Chancellor Zimpher***

President Lyall thanked Chancellor Zimpher for her energy and leadership, adding that her spouse, Ken Howey, also is much appreciated for his professional contribution to the faculty, as well as his support for the chancellor's work.

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***Board of Regents Teaching Awards***

Noting that this year marks the 12<sup>th</sup> annual presentation of the Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Awards, President Lyall recalled that the program was instituted in 1992 as a way of recognizing and rewarding the finest individual teachers and departments in the UW System. The individual awards recognize outstanding career achievement by the UW's best teachers and the departmental awards honor collaborative teaching achievement.

Regent Davis, Chair of the Regent committee that selected the award winners, noted that the awards call attention to what a valuable resource the UW has in its faculty

and academic staff who teach year after year with dedication, creativity and passion. In the continual effort to reward outstanding teaching, these awards make a small but significant step in the right direction.

Regents Pruitt and Salas also served on the selection committee, as did Regent Richlen who was unable to participate this year.

Stating that all the nominees considered by the committee were outstanding, Regent Davis indicated that the winners shared several characteristics: a distinct philosophy of teaching and learning; a willingness to adopt and innovate in order to meet the needs of students; a passion for their discipline; and a commitment to constant self-examination and improvement. They are shining examples of the ability of excellent teachers to change students' lives.

*Janna Cowen Professor of Economics, UW-River Falls*

Presenting the award to Dr. Cowen, Regent Salas noted that she is considered "one of the fond legends of the institution". One alumnus wrote a letter of support for Dr. Cowen, noting that he had always been proud of his ability to "coast" through classes without working very hard. Finding that he would not be able to do that in Professor Cowen's class, he nonetheless remained in the courses, finally earning a "B" of which he was very proud. Now a successful businessman, he wrote that her class was the "longest and most sustained challenge" he had in his college experience and that she was the best instructor who ever taught him.

Professor Cowen, Regent Salas, continued, is a teacher who for 24 years has made the clarification, illumination and practical application of a difficult discipline the calling of her life. Her door is always open and she continually encourages her students to achieve above and beyond their own expectations.

Thanking the board for the award, Professor Cowen said that, in accepting it, she was standing in for the many other excellent teachers at UW-River Falls and throughout the UW System.

Noting that she had been named last spring as teacher of the year by the UW-River Falls Student Business Association, she identified several attributes that contributed to her success in teaching. First, she indicated her passion for teaching and being rewarded by seeing students master material. In addition, she is well organized and has the ability to take apart complex economics systems, analyze them, and put them back together in a manner that is understandable to students.

Thanking her campus and department for their support over the years, she recalled that she had come to UW-River Falls because of her conviction that the institution highly values teaching and promotes an open door policy.

*Carole Vopat, Professor of English and Women's Studies, UW-Parkside*

Presenting a Teaching Excellence Award to Professor Vopat, Regent Pruitt noted that, in her classroom, it is clear that teaching can change lives and that she has had a remarkable impact on students at UW-Parkside for more than three decades. Throughout that time, she has been committed to telling the stories of those once silenced and unacknowledged: women, the working class, and victims of the Holocaust. This commitment has resulted in a constant reinvigoration of both her teaching and the curriculum in both the English and Women's Studies departments.

Her students may struggle upon entry into one of her courses, but eventually they thrive in initially foreign worlds of literature and language because Professor Vopat makes these worlds safe to explore and respect. Students praise her for challenging them to think beyond the narrow realities of their lives. Recognizing that many of these students are working class commuters, some the children of immigrants and some the first in their families to attend college, she understands that they juggle job, family, and time pressures to attend college and she wants to give them what was given to her when she arrived at college: a world transformed through education and literature. "The sense of life's infinite possibilities is my gift to my students; their gift to me is the hunger and courage that puts them in my classroom".

Expressing appreciation for the award, Professor Vopat used the word, "mensch," explaining that it means to behave honorably, have integrity, rise above pettiness, have a vision and have great generosity of spirit. For behaving like mensches, she thanked the regents for continuing to highly value education, even in a time of budget cuts, and UW-Parkside for 33 years of unwavering support, even when what she taught might be controversial.

She thanked her father, an immigrant, who never learned to read and write, and her mother, who had to leave school at age 14, for making it possible for her to grow up and become a university professor. She had gone to Rutgers at age 16, where her world was changed by a professor of English. She walked out of that class "on fire" and knew that she, too, wanted to teach. Her mission has been to give her students the same passion for learning that she had found in college.

In closing, she said: "I love teaching in the university because I believe the classroom is a magic, even a sacred, place. There is a student in each of us who is our best, most precious self – our mensch."

*UW-Stevens Point Department of Geography and Geology*

Accepting the Teaching Excellence Award for a department or program were Dr. Benjamin Ofori-Amoah, Chair of the Department, and Dr. David Ozsvath, Professor of Geology.

Regent Davis introduced the recipients, stating that the Department of Geography and Geology knows how to achieve student success and has had outstanding results. In



their letters of nomination, students did not identify just one outstanding professor; instead, they tended to name all of them.

The department, she stated, takes seriously its commitment to liberal education – to educating its students to think critically in a complex world, to understand broadly the global dimensions of human activities, and to master the oral, written, analytical, technical and technological skills necessary to be successful as graduates and productive members of society. Experiential learning is basic to the department and includes a remarkable internship and student field research program that provides opportunities for collaboration among students, faculty and communities. Faculty are involved with their students in all aspects of research, from digging in dirt to taking advantage of advanced remote-sensing technology.

Also meriting recognition are the department's continual efforts to keep the curriculum current; to assess student learning in ways that are meaningful to students, as well as to faculty; to revitalize a program option in regional analysis and community development that has benefited central Wisconsin communities; and to develop an option in geographic information systems that has had a major impact on the discipline.

Expressing gratitude for the award, Professor Ofori-Amoah thanked the Board of Regents, President Lyall and the chancellors for the excellent work they do in leading and growing the great University of Wisconsin System. He particularly thanked the UW-Stevens Point chancellor and other campus leaders for all their support and expressed special appreciation for the wonderful group of students with whom the department has had the good fortune to work over the years.

Much of the department's success, he observed, could be attributed to having a group of high-achieving, collegial faculty and staff who are dedicated to their students, who maintain an up-to-date and relevant curriculum, and who employ technology in innovative ways to enhance student learning and skills.

Because of the nature of the discipline, he noted, the department has a strong applied component, which gives students the opportunity to do such varied activities as helping business and community leaders find solutions to community development problems and traveling to Devils Lake to study geology.

In closing, Professor Ofori-Amoah recalled that the department had not always been strong and that 20 years ago consideration was given to closing it. It was investment in the right kind of faculty and innovative thinking that brought the department to the successful place it inhabits today.

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### ***Managing The Budget***

President Lyall reported that, as the university manages major budget cuts this year, students will notice that there are fewer courses available, larger classes, and longer

waiting lines for advising and financial aid services. Reductions in building maintenance and administrative services also will take their toll on the campuses. She asked for patience and understanding on the part of clients inside and outside of the university as campuses work to manage those reductions.

She also advised of additional potential reductions: Cuts stemming from the Governor's vetoes could total as much as another \$20 million in reductions to the UW, and the university may need to absorb \$7-8 million in additional costs of health insurance premiums for employees. There also is a \$6 million shortfall in utility funds carried over from last year and elimination of \$700,000 in state assistance for disabled students.

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### ***Reaccreditation of UW-Parkside***

President Lyall congratulated Chancellor Keating and UW-Parkside on receiving a ten-year reaccreditation from the North Central Association, with special commendation for integrating its resource allocation with its mission and priorities. This achievement, she pointed out, reflects Chancellor Keating's leadership in helping the campus become more engaged with the Racine-Kenosha communities.

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### ***Study Published by Chancellor Miller***

It was reported by President Lyall that UW-Whitewater Chancellor Jack Miller had published a study on Literacy Rankings for American Cities that attracted media coverage around the country. In the study, he used statistical data to construct 13 measures of city literacy on which he ranked all cities with greater than 250,000 populations. Measures included educational attainment of the population, the number of book sellers, daily newspaper readership, and circulation figures for public libraries.

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### ***UW-Extension Rural Leadership Program Recognized for Excellence***

President Lyall congratulated UW-Extension's Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program for having been recognized by the Kellogg Foundation for Excellence as part of its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Participants attend a series of seminars over a two-year period and also attend two week-long seminars in Washington D.C. with the object of broadening their knowledge and perspective on such policy issues as the environment, global economics and demographic change. More than 70% of the program's alumni have subsequently held state or local political office.

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***National Recognition for UW-Madison Police Chief Sue Riseling***

Chief Riseling was commended by President Lyall on receiving national recognition from the International Association of Chiefs of Police as the “individual who demonstrates exemplary performance in the investigation and/or prevention of civil rights crimes, the enforcement of civil rights statutes, and education efforts regarding civil rights issues.” The association, which is the largest organization of its kind, having 18,000 members in 110 countries, gives only one of these awards a year. The President also thanked Chief Riseling for providing assistance to UW System Administration and all UW campuses in responding to national terrorism alerts.

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***UW-Stout Cited for Use of Technology***

President Lyall reported that UW-Stout was cited in a recent issue of *University Business* magazine for use of technology to streamline refunds of financial aid to students. By placing a student’s financial aid on his/her “OneCard”, which is the campus debit card, the full amount of financial aid is made available to student and deductions can be made in a few hours. Recognizing UW-Stout for this innovative idea, she suggested that it might be adopted by others as a “best practice”.

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***Wisconsin Innovation Center Conference***

President Lyall called attention to an important conference being sponsored by UW-Whitewater’s Wisconsin Innovation Service Center, which has a long record of assisting entrepreneurs in starting new businesses in the state. Titled “Ideas to Profits”, the conference is focused on finding opportunities for existing manufacturing firms to harness new kinds of innovations in their product. While much attention has been given to the outflow of manufacturing jobs to cheaper labor markets in recent years, center director Debra Malewicki suggests a focus on stimulating innovations in the products that Wisconsin businesses produce and helping businesses move their product lines in more competitive directions.

In its 23 years of operation, President Lyall noted, the center has assisted more than 6,300 companies and is an extraordinary resource for business in Wisconsin. The conference, sponsored by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, will be held in Whitewater on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

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**UPDATE ON CHARTING A NEW COURSE FOR THE UW SYSTEM**

Noting that a written report had been provided to the Regents, Regent Gottschalk, Chair of the Charting a New Course project, indicated that, for future meetings, he would

provide a verbal report on working group meetings, with a written synopsis to be distributed the following week. He hoped to use this type of document to keep external audiences and constituents informed about the course of deliberations as they proceed.

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

Regent Bradley, Chair, presented the report of the Business and Finance Committee.

### **Trust Funds Asset Allocation and Spending Plan Review**

Assistant Trust Officer Doug Hoerr reported on the Trust Fund Asset Allocation and spending plan. Mr. Hoerr advised the committee that no changes are recommended at this time to either the asset allocation percentages or to the 4.5 percent spending plan that the committee had approved last December.

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### **Contract for Exclusive Soft Drink Pouring Rights and Sponsorship Agreement for UW-Madison Division of Intercollegiate Athletics**

Michael Hardiman, Director of Purchasing at UW-Madison, reported on the proposed agreement with Coca-Cola for exclusive rights to offer soft drinks for sale at UW-Madison athletic facilities.

Responding to questions and concern regarding the length of the contract, Mr. Hardiman explained that the contract was the result of a competitive bidding process.

Mr. Hardiman was asked to provide further information on the cost of the capital equipment which will be installed at Camp Randall, the amount of growth revenue Coca-Cola can expect over the course of the contract, and how the terms of the contract compare with other Big Ten universities.

The resolution was tabled and will be brought up at the October meeting.

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### **Committee Business**

#### ***4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Gifts, Grants and Contracts***

Vice President Debbie Durcan presented a summary of the gifts and grants and contracts awarded to UW System institutions for the fiscal year. Totals for this period were approximately \$992 million, an increase of almost \$72 million from the previous

fiscal year. Federal awards increased by \$11 million and non-Federal awards increased about \$60 million.

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***UW-Madison LTE Conversion Pilot Program Final Report***

Darrell Bazzel, Vice Chancellor at UW-Madison, reported on the limited term employee conversion pilot program. Vice Chancellor Bazzell noted that as a result of this conversion, UW-Madison will have a more stable work force.

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**Report of the Vice President**

Vice President Durcan updated the committee on the status of the Legislative Audit Bureau review of UW System administrative staffing and expenditures. She noted that the Legislative Audit Bureau has concluded its data gathering process. A draft report will be available shortly. Regent Rosenzweig recommended the Legislative Audit Bureau be invited to present their final report to the committee.

Regent Gottschalk asked the committee to provide an updated report on discretionary Trust Funds and a summary of the Vilas Trust Fund.

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On behalf of the Business and Finance Committee Regent Bradley moved adoption of the following resolutions. The motion was seconded by Regent Gottschalk and adopted unanimously.

**UW System Trust Funds Acceptance of Bequests**

Resolution 8722: That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System and the Chancellors of the benefiting University of Wisconsin institutions, the bequests detailed on the attached list be accepted for the purposes designated by the donors, or where unrestricted by the donors, by the benefiting institution,

and that the Trust Officer or Assistant Trust Officers be authorized to sign receipts and do all things necessary to effect the transfers for the benefit of the University of Wisconsin.

Let it be herewith further resolved, that the President and Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellors of the benefiting University of Wisconsin institutions, and the Deans and Chairs of the

benefiting Colleges and Departments, express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the donors and their families for their generosity and their devotion to the values and ideals represented by the University of Wisconsin System. These gifts will be used to sustain and further the quality and scholarship of the University and its students.

**Auxiliary Reserves Report**

Resolution 8723: That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Auxiliary Reserves Report be accepted for transmittal to State Officials.

**Report on Base Salary Adjustments to Recognize Competitive Factors Required by s.36.09(1)(j), Wis. Stats**

Resolution 8724: That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Report on 2002-03 Base Salary Adjustments to Recognize Competitive Factors Required by Section 36.09(1)(j), Wisconsin Statutes, be accepted for transmittal to State Officials.

**Correction to UW-Barron County and UW-Richland Colleges' Segregated Fees**

Resolution 8725: That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the 2003-04 Operating Budget and Fee Schedules be corrected to adjust the segregated fee rate at the University of Wisconsin-Barron County from \$328.00 to \$208.00 and at the University of Wisconsin-Richland from \$361.40 to \$241.40.

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**REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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

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**Charting a New Course for the UW System: A Preview**

Regent Olivieri reported on the process and the topics the committee will discuss throughout the year, including discussions regarding the rethinking exercise and its implications for education related issues.

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**Framing the Education Committee Agenda for 2003-2004**

Regent Olivieri stated that the committee's agenda for 2003-04 will continue to address student success and the issue of transferring credits from Technical Colleges to the UW System.

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**Program Authorizations - First Reading: M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies, UW-La Crosse**

The first reading of the program authorization for a M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies at UW-La Crosse was addressed. Program authorizations require two readings before action is taken. This program will convert the bachelors degree in Physician Assistant Studies to a masters degree. Discussion and questions regarding the effects this program will have in terms of its efforts to advance diversity, and the accreditation process, which now requires a masters degree in place of a bachelor's degree, will be addressed at the next meeting.

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**Report on 2002 Undergraduate Drop Rates**

Most of the UW institutions have met the stated goal of a 5% or lower undergraduate drop rate. UW Colleges has made progress in this area and has strategies in place to continue to improve their rates.

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**Blue Cross/Blue Shield Oversight and Advisory Committee Vacancy**

The committee approved the appointment of Dr. Susan Goelzer as the Medical School representative for the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Oversight and Advisory Committee. Dr. Goelzer has an excellent background in public health, which the committee felt was an important asset for this committee.

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The following resolutions were presented by Regent Olivieri to the Board of Regents as consent agenda items. Regent Pruitt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Annual Report on 2002 Undergraduate Drop Rates**

Resolution 8726: That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents accepts the Annual Report on 2002 Undergraduate Drop Rates for submission to the Joint Committee on Finance.

**Blue Cross & Blue Shield Oversight and Advisory Committee Replacement**

Resolution 8727: That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System and the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Board of Regents approves Dr. Susan Goelzer to fill the vacancy on the Blue Cross & Blue Shield Oversight and Advisory Committee.

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

Regent Gracz, Chair, presented the Physical Planning and Funding report.

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**Report of the Assistant Vice President**

Nancy Ives, Assistant Vice President, reported that the Building Commission approved about \$215 million for various projects at their June and July meetings.

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The following resolutions were passed by the Physical Planning and Funding Committee. Regent Gracz presented them to the Board of Regents as consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Regent Amato, and carried with Regent Olivieri abstaining.

**UW-Eau Claire: Authority to Construct a Governor's Parking Lot Project**

Resolution 8728: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Eau Claire Chancellor and the President of the University of



Wisconsin System, authority be granted to construct a Governor's Parking Lot project at an estimated total project cost of \$277,400 (\$200,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing and \$77,400 Program Revenue-Cash).

**UW-Eau Claire: Authority to Construct a Bollinger Fields Lighting Project**

Resolution 8729: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Eau Claire Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to construct a Bollinger Fields Lighting Project at an estimated total project cost of \$417,000 (\$265,000 Program Revenue - Cash, \$132,000 City of Eau Claire Funds, and \$20,000 LAWCON Grant Funds).

**UW-Madison: Approval of the Design Report and Authority Construct a Mechanical Engineering Renovation and Addition Project**

Resolution 8730: 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: (1) construct a Mechanical Engineering Renovation and Addition project, (2) increase the project scope and budget by \$13,000,000 Gift Funds, and (3) seek a waiver of s. 16.855 under s. 13.48(19) to accept a single prime contractor bid for the project, for a revised total project cost of \$46,000,000 (\$23,000,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing and \$23,000,000 Gift Funds).

**UW-Milwaukee: Authority to Negotiate for the Redevelopment of the Kenilworth Building**

Resolution 8731: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Milwaukee Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to negotiate with Prism Development Company for redevelopment of the Kenilworth Building. As currently envisioned, financing will involve the establishment of a 501 (c) (3)

tax exempt entity and long-term equity in the Kenilworth Building. No funding from the University or State of Wisconsin will be required.

**UW-Oshkosh: Land Use Agreement and Acceptance of Gift-In-Kind**

Resolution 8732: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Oshkosh Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to: (1) execute a land use agreement between the Board of Regents and the UW-Oshkosh Foundation to enable the Foundation to construct a Baseball Grandstand and Support Building, and (2) accept the gift-in kind of the completed new facility valued at up to \$977,500.

**UW-Whitewater: Authority to Construct an Upham Hall Renovation and Addition - Phase II Project**

Resolution 8733: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Whitewater Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to construct the Upham Hall Renovation and Addition - Phase II project at an estimated total project cost of \$16,743,000 of General Fund Supported Borrowing.

Regent Randall pointed out that what the UW System annually spends on building new facilities for instruction, research and administration are not merely investments in the physical plant, but investments in local and statewide economies. These projects create new jobs at a time when the states unemployment rate is steadily rising. These projects can transform neighborhoods, campuses and even lives. The role of the UW System as an economic driver and an economic catalyst is a powerful signal to the citizens of this state. Regent Randall added that the Board's role as facilities stewards cannot be minimized as it has a tremendous economic impact on the local and state economy.

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**UNFINISHED OR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

***Comments on September 2nd Meeting***

Referring to the telephone conference meeting of the Board that took place on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Regent Amato commented that, while he had not felt pressured by Regent

President Marcovich to reach a decision and while full opportunity for discussion was provided, he did feel pressured by system staff.

Regent Amato also expressed his concern about whether members of the Legislature were informed about the Board's proposed action on Resolution 8720, about the lack of media presence at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, and about the need to discuss the resolution at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. He said that when the concern about discussing the resolution at the upcoming Board meeting was raised during the teleconference, he felt there was resistance from system staff. He also expressed his opinion that if media are not widely notified and if executive compensation issues are not discussed at regularly scheduled Board meetings, the UW System's credibility could be harmed and the initiative of Charting a New Course for the University could be affected adversely.

Regent Salas noted that he had missed the call from the conference operator and had never been connected, even though he both called the conference number and the secretary's office. He expressed the hope that procedures would be reviewed to ensure that participants are able to join conference calls in progress.

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### *Discussion of Charting a New Course Project*

Regent Olivieri suggested that the working group chairs report on their sessions at the following day's board meeting in order to give all regents an opportunity to react to issues being considered.

Regent Davis concurred, indicating that, as Chair of the Research and Public Service Working Group, she would appreciate prompt feedback from other regents on what her group was doing. Such an addition to the board agenda also would allow open conversation about the progress of the project as a whole

Regent Gottschalk explained that the attempt is to distribute full minutes to the working group members, but to create a synopsis to distribute to all participants and to external audiences. Working group minutes will be posted on the Web and the board secretary can address requests for information of that nature.

Regent President Marcovich agreed that all regents should have an opportunity to know what all the working groups are doing and an opportunity to ask questions of the chairs or make comments.

Regent Salas referred to a communication he received from United Council of UW Students expressing concern that all student representatives invited to participate in the project are male, none are from the UW Colleges, and none are nontraditional students. He requested that this situation be reviewed and remedied.

President Lyall noted that lack of women student representatives resulted from the fact that student government presidents were invited to serve and, this year, all of them happen to be men.

Regent Davis concurred with the concern about lack of women student representatives, other than Student Regent Richlen, and also was concerned about lack of representation from the UW Colleges. She suggested a presentation at a future meeting on how members are chosen for such projects so that regents could communicate clearly with others about the process and discuss whether any changes should be made.

Regent Mohs commented that the student government presidents are elected to represent their entire student bodies and should be considered capable of conveying the interests of the groups that elected them, regardless of gender or other differences.

Regent Burmaster observed that the student perspective is critical to the work of the group on Re-Defining Educational Quality and to the project as a whole. She suggested that the board discuss how to ensure that the student voice is brought into the process in an authentic and credible manner.

Regent Gottschalk added that the working group meetings are open to the public and that United Council has been sending representatives to those sessions.

Regent Marcovich added that United Council is a valuable resource and that he had been advised that they would be willing to supply information to the working groups on any subject within their purview. Noting that there also are other student groups that can serve as resources, he encouraged the working groups to call on students for information and input as their deliberations proceed.

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## **CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m., at which time the following resolution, moved by Regent Walsh and seconded by Regent Axtell, was adopted unanimously on a roll-call vote, with Regents Amato, Axtell, Bradley, Burmaster, Connolly-Keesler, Davis, Gottschalk, Gracz, Marcovich, Mohs, Olivieri, Pruitt, Randall, Richlen, Rosenzweig, Salas, and Walsh (17) voting in the affirmative.

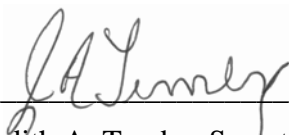
Resolution 8734:           That, the Board of Regents recess into Closed Session, to consider personal histories related to naming a facility at UW-Stevens Point, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(f), *Wis. Stats.*, to consider appointment of Interim Chancellor at UW-Stevens Point, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(c), *Wis. Stats.*, to confer with Legal Counsel, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(g), *Wis. Stats.*

The Board arose from closed session at 11:40 a.m., having adopted the following resolution:

**UW-Stevens Point: Authorization to Appoint Interim Chancellor**

Resolution 8735: That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, Dr. Virginia Helm be appointed Interim Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, effective September 1, 2003, at a salary of \$160,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

  
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Judith A. Temby, Secretary