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PRESENT: Regents Axtell, Bradley, Burmaster, Crain, Cuene, Loftus,
McPike, Pruitt, Randall, Salas, Semenas, Smith, and Walsh

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regents Connolly-Keesler, Davis, Rosenzweig, and Spector

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Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Crain, the minutes of April 7, 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Resolution of Appreciation to Regent Roger Axtell

Regent Bradley stated that he was honored to offer remarks to one of the great Regents in the UW's history, who also had been Vice President for Marketing at Parker Pen, an advisor to three governors and the author of nine books.

Among all these accomplishments, Regent Bradley recalled, Regent Axtell had said that, other than his marriage and raising his children, his service as on the Board of Regents was the most important thing he had ever done. He said to Regent Axtell, "Your colleagues hold you in awe."

Regent Axtell could accomplish all this, Regent Bradley observed, because he is so talented, thoughtful, diligent, a man of great integrity and “just plain smooth.”

Noting that Regent Axtell often said that he owed his success in life to his UW education, Regent Bradley concluded his remarks by saying to Regent Axtell, “I think your example is the window through which we will look to examine our dedication and our commitment to public higher education in Wisconsin.”

Regent Bradley then offered the following resolution, which was adopted by acclamation, with a standing ovation in honor of Regent Axtell:

Resolution 9180: **WHEREAS**, Roger E. Axtell has provided outstanding service and remarkable contributions to public higher education in Wisconsin during his seven years as a member of the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Roger has been an active and thoughtful member of the Education Committee, through which he has demonstrated his keen interest in accountability, international education, and overall educational excellence; and

WHEREAS, through his services as a member, and leader, of the Executive and Business, Finance and Audit Committees, Regent Axtell showed his commitment to the UW System’s tradition of sound stewardship and financial preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Roger made significant contributions to the university’s long-term future as the chair of the Revenue Authority and Other Opportunities subgroup of the *Charting a New Course* strategic-planning initiative; and as a member of Governor’s Task Forces on International Education, UW System Compensation, and UW System Accountability; and

WHEREAS, Regent Axtell worked to find capable and dedicated academic leaders through his participation on Regent Search Committees for the chancellors of UW-Whitewater, UW-Stevens Point, UW-La Crosse, UW-Extension, and the UW System President; and

WHEREAS, through his service on the committees for the Regent Teaching Excellence and Academic Staff Excellence Awards, Regent Axtell accurately

recognized truly outstanding teaching, research and public service throughout the UW System; and

WHEREAS, Regent Axtell has served as a valuable and eloquent advocate for the vitality of the state's public university system, offering his time, extraordinary talents, and sense of humor in the spirit of the Wisconsin Idea,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System extends its most sincere gratitude to Regent Emeritus Roger E. Axtell for his outstanding leadership and invaluable service to the UW System and the citizens of Wisconsin.

Regent President Walsh presented Regent Axtell with a certificate of commendation from Governor Doyle, and President Reilly gave him a UW Medallion in appreciation for his distinguished service.

Expressing his gratitude to Regent Bradley, President Reilly and his colleagues on the Board, Regent Axtell offered special thanks to Regent Burmaster and the students of Janesville Parker High School for the musical tribute they had given him the preceding day.

Regent Axtell introduced his wife, Mitzi, and thanked her for always being at his side. Stating that he was honored to have served on the Board of Regents, he remarked that it is the most sought after appointment in state government and a cherished honor.

Expressing the enjoyment he felt in working with his fellow Regents and UW staff, he noted that the Board has chosen talented and dedicated chancellors, to whom he said: "I am very proud of working with you, and I honor you."

Regent Pruitt observed that Regent Axtell "has been a role model of what it means to be a Regent."

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Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Eau Claire Interim Chancellor Vicki Lord Larson

Presenting this resolution, Regent Pruitt remarked that being an Interim Chancellor is an especially difficult job, and that those who serve in these positions share a deep love for their university. In that regard, he noted that Interim Chancellor Larson clearly loves UW-Eau Claire, which she served for many years, having joined the faculty in 1973. When she accepted the appointment, he recalled, she said: "I will be here as long as the university needs me."

Regent Pruitt then offered Resolution 9181, which was adopted by acclamation with a standing ovation in honor of Interim Chancellor Larson.

Resolution 9181: WHEREAS, Dr. Vicki Lord Larson, interim chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire since March 2005, approached this position with a deep love for students and a deep appreciation of the campus and the UW System; and

WHEREAS, she worked tirelessly to carry on the tradition of excellence at UW-Eau Claire; and

WHEREAS, Lord Larson promoted the university's strengths and needs through conversation and advocacy with community leaders and area legislators; and

WHEREAS, Vicki greatly assisted with the continued success of the campus's comprehensive campaign; and has worked tirelessly on three key initiatives — the Chippewa Valley NanoSTEM Initiative, a new academic building for the campus, and the Davies Center project; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lord Larson's service as interim chancellor followed 37 years of dedicated service to the University of Wisconsin System, including teaching, administrative, and consulting roles at UW-Eau Claire, UW-Oshkosh, and the UW System; and

WHEREAS, Vicki has made numerous contributions toward improving the status of women throughout the UW System through her membership and leadership of committees that examined the opportunities for and standing of women on campus and across the system; and

WHEREAS, above all, in her service as interim chancellor, Vicki Lord Larson kept the best interests of UW-Eau Claire students at heart;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby offer thanks and commendation to Dr. Vicki Lord Larson for her service as interim chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and wishes her well in all future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of UW System President Kevin P. Reilly, Vicki Lord Larson be recognized as Chancellor Emeritus with all of the rights, privileges, distinction and responsibilities such status may carry.

Expressing her appreciation, Interim Chancellor Larson observed that the past 15 months had been “energizing, rewarding, enlightening, and a labor of love.” She thanked the students, faculty, staff and her “wonderful administrative team” for their accomplishments and support.

Stating her support for the initiative to assist lower income students, she said that the state and nation cannot afford to lose the human potential represented by those students.

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Resolution of Appreciation to Marvin Van Kekerix for Service as UW Colleges and UW-Extension Interim Chancellor

Regent Burmaster offered the following resolution of appreciation to Interim Chancellor Marvin Van Kekerix. The resolution was adopted by acclamation with a standing ovation in honor of his service.

Resolution 9182: WHEREAS, Dr. Marvin Van Kekerix has shown exemplary dedication and leadership as interim chancellor of both University of Wisconsin-Extension, and the recently realigned UW-Extension/UW Colleges; and

WHEREAS, interim chancellor Van Kekerix provided steady leadership for the complex administrative integration of UW Colleges and UW-Extension, setting a positive tone for future collaborations, and involving faculty and staff from both institutions in collegial discussions; and

WHEREAS, Marv has supported innovative economic development efforts, including UW-Extension’s role in establishing and managing the Wisconsin Entrepreneurs’ Network, a statewide partnership to create jobs by providing specialized services for second-stage businesses; and

WHEREAS, Van Kekerix demonstrated a strong commitment to diversity and multiculturalism by moving forward a UW-Extension Multicultural

Awareness Training Initiative, facilitating cross-institutional collaboration on important multicultural issues, and funding Diversity Partnership Grants; and

WHEREAS, Marv led a strategic effort to increase educational attainment among Wisconsin workers by providing greater access to college courses and degree-completion programs for working adults in what will become the UW's Adult Student Initiative; and

WHEREAS, as a strong advocate for the UW's value and accountability, Marv met with countless state, county, and federal leaders; news media and editorial boards; and citizens statewide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Van Kekerix managed significant funding and personnel reductions, while preserving the core outreach and public service missions of UW-Extension to serve citizens and the state in the true spirit of the Wisconsin Idea;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby offers thanks and commendation to Dr. Marv Van Kekerix for his service as interim chancellor and notes its deep appreciation for his continued service as UW-Extension Provost.

Expressing appreciation for the resolution, Dr. Van Kekerix thanked the faculty and staff of the UW Colleges and UW-Extension for stepping up to the challenge of finding synergies between the institutions. Stating his pride in their accomplishments, he offered special thanks to UW Colleges Provost Margaret Cleek, a valued colleague and friend for her leadership in these efforts, noting that they shared a common dedication to greater access for students.

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Resolution of Appreciation to Margaret Cleek for Service as UW Colleges Interim Chancellor

Presenting Resolution 9183, Regent Semenas noted that Dr. Cleek brought energy, experience and knowledge to her leadership of the UW Colleges, and he stated the Board's pride in her excellent service.

The resolution was adopted by acclamation with a standing ovation in honor of Dr. Cleek.

Resolution 9183: WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Cleek served admirably for 18 months as the interim chancellor of the 13 freshman-sophomore University of Wisconsin Colleges; and

WHEREAS, Margaret provided strong leadership on the effort to increase effectiveness and efficiency through an integration of several important administrative functions of the statewide UW Colleges and University of Wisconsin-Extension; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cleek inspired the 13 freshman-sophomore UW Colleges campuses to be open to cooperation and integration with UW-Extension through her actions as an accessible and intelligent role model; and

WHEREAS, during a time of intense public scrutiny, she worked tirelessly to lead strategic efforts that increased understanding about how the UW Colleges serve communities around the state and the role of the UW Colleges in providing a foundation to a bachelor's degree; and

WHEREAS, Cleek demonstrated her unwavering commitment to the UW Colleges mission of access within the UW System and across the state;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby commends Dr. Margaret Cleek for her outstanding service as interim chancellor of the University of Wisconsin Colleges, and thanks her for her continued service as Provost and Vice Chancellor of the UW Colleges.

Expressing her appreciation, Provost Cleek said that she had become convinced that integrating functions of the two institutions was a good idea. Noting that it was a tough 18 months, she thanked her colleagues and especially Dr. Van Kekerix for their support and achievements. Stating her belief in the mission of the UW Colleges and the UW System, she said, "What I love the most is access – we provide access with quality. Please preserve what the UW Colleges does for the state."

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Report on the May 3, 2006 Meeting of the Hospital Authority Board

A written report was provided.

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Taxpayer Protection Amendment

Regent President Walsh reported that he, along with two chancellors, had appeared before the Legislative Joint Committee and the Senate Committee on the Taxpayer Protection Amendment. A resolution on the amendment was defeated and the amendment was not expected to pass. The greatest strength of the university's case, he felt, was the work done by the chancellors in their communities that prompted people to contact their legislators. He thanked Chancellor Wells, in particular, for the effective work he had done.

Chancellor Wells noted that it was important to make it clear that the amendment would make campuses smaller when they needed to be larger in order to serve Wisconsin students and the state. That was a message that resonated.

Regent President Walsh indicated that he had received e-mails from faculty and staff thanking him for standing up on this issue. He had testified that the amendment would remove the ability to fund new initiatives and growth in the capacity to serve students and be an economic driver for the state. He had listed recent private donations that were made subject to matching funds from the state and pointed out that these would be lost in the future. Legislators realized that the university is part of the solution to the economic problems facing the state.

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Committee Regarding Faculty/Academic Staff Disciplinary Process

Noting that the Committee's recommendation would come to the Board in June, Regent President Walsh indicated that consideration was being given to input from faculty and academic staff governance bodies across the system. The recommendation will make needed changes to the process, while protecting the rights of faculty and addressing concerns of the public and state officials.

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SYSTEM

Appreciation to Regent President Walsh

President Reilly expressed his gratitude to Regent President Walsh for his effective work in opposition to the Taxpayer Protection Amendment and for the great deal of time and effort that he had been willing to devote to this matter.

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UW System Symposium for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity

President Reilly reported that 238 students, representing every UW campus were at UW-Stout for the 7th annual UW System Symposium for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity. The symposium was being held as part of Research Week at UW-Stout. Like the recent Posters in the Rotunda event, the presentations addressed a wide variety of issues and solutions that could benefit the state. Many UW students also participated in a recent National Conference on Undergraduate Research, held at the University of North Carolina, including 19 students from UW-River Falls and 27 from UW-La Crosse.

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2006 Promising Practices Award

It was reported by President Reilly that, for the second year in a row, the PK-16 Leadership Council had honored a UW program that is giving back to the community with the 2006 Promising Practices Award.

This year's award went to a collaborative reading program in UW-Superior's Teacher Education Department, through which students who are preparing to become teachers serve as tutors at Northern Lights Elementary School for reading and language arts lessons.

The PK-16 Leadership Council consists of Regent Burmaster, Wisconsin Technical College System President Dan Clancy, Rolf Wegenke, President of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and President Reilly.

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UW-Extension Receives Award for Diversity Outreach

President Reilly reported that UW-Extension received the University Continuing Education Association 2006 Recognition of Excellence Award for Innovations in Outreach and Engagement.

This national award recognized UW-Extension's Diversity Program Development Initiative as an effective way to reach a diverse and underserved audience. It provides one-year grants of up to \$10,000 to UW campus-based continuing education divisions to work with community partners in providing new programs and services that reach racially and ethnically diverse audiences. The program has awarded 27 grants since it began six years ago.

He congratulated UW-Extension on a "well-deserved honor for an outstanding program that fits with our system-wide diversity goals."

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Federal Grant to UW-Marathon County

It was reported by President Reilly that UW-Marathon County received a \$3.2 million Congressionally directed grant to support the campus' planned expansion. The \$6.8 million project would allow the campus to grow its services to the state through a 350 seat theatre, outreach offices connecting the campus more closely to the wider community, Wisconsin Public Radio studios, and a proposed Institute for Public Policy and Service. The institute will focus on internships and public service, faculty research, and nonpartisan public dialogue on important issues.

In addition, a \$3 million county-funded science renovation is scheduled to start in January.

President Reilly thanked Regent Bradley for his assistance in obtaining the grant.

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UW-Stevens Point Dean Named to National Committee

President Reilly congratulated Christine Thomas, Dean of the UW-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources, who had been named to the 11-member Sporting Conservation Advisory Committee by U.S. Interior Secretary Gail Norton. He thanked her for sharing university expertise far beyond the boundaries of the state.

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UW-Milwaukee Hosts Governor Doyle for Grand Opening

It was reported by President Reilly that UW-Milwaukee hosted Governor Doyle and the Milwaukee community for the grand opening of the Pavilion at UWM. The new academic, athletic and recreation facility is distinctive for its use of glass walls, which save energy, while allowing users to view the Downer Woods and the campus.

The Pavilion's features include state-of-the-art academic facilities for the College of Health Sciences, a student fitness center, athletic department offices, and a running track that is elevated above a gym area and uses natural light.

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Welcome to David Wilson, Chancellor of the UW Colleges and UW-Extension

President Reilly welcomed Dr. David Wilson, who on May 1st became the first chancellor of both the UW Colleges and UW-Extension.

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Patent Awarded to UW-La Crosse Researchers

President Reilly observed that Wisconsin patients may be among those to benefit from the discoveries of UW-La Crosse researchers – the first ever from the campus to receive a patent. Chemistry Professor Aaron Monte, Microbiology Professor Marc Rott,

and student Leah DeFoe were honored for their patent of anti-infective agents derived from the Native American plant, *Comptonia Peregrina*.

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UW-Green Bay and Brown County UW-Extension Co-Host Leadership Summit on Diversity

It was reported by President Reilly that UW-Green Bay and Brown County UW-Extension were among the co-hosts of the first Leadership Summit on Diversity, attended by nearly 200 community members. The summit emphasized that inclusiveness must be a top priority if the region is to thrive during economic and demographic transitions. He thanked Chancellor Shepard for his work on this event.

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UW-Whitewater Again Ranked Number 1 on Certified Public Accountant Exam

President Reilly congratulated UW-Whitewater for again being ranked Number 1 on the Certified Public Accountant Exam – a rank it has held for more than a decade. The ranking reflects the percent of undergraduate students achieving first-time pass rates on the national exam.

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UW-Oshkosh Leads State in Renewable Energy Use

President Reilly commended UW-Oshkosh, which was the first Wisconsin campus, and the 10th nationwide, to join the Environmental Protection Agency's renewable energy initiative in 2003 and now leads the state in renewable energy use. This year, the university has purchased 11 percent of its electricity from Wisconsin Public Service, through the NatureWise renewable energy program, which uses a mix of wind energy and biomass energy from a dairy farm and landfill in northeastern Wisconsin. Nationally, UW-Oshkosh ranks 23rd among all colleges and universities in using renewable energy.

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UW-Madison Professor Honored as One of the 100 Most Influential People of 2006

President Reilly congratulated Richard Davidson, UW-Madison Professor of Psychology and Psychiatry, who recently was honored by *Time* magazine as one of the 100 most influential people of 2006. Dr. Davidson's career has been devoted to understanding how the brain regulates human emotions. His studies of how psychological and social factors influence physical health received special recognition in the 1990s, when he worked with the Dalai Lama to investigate the effects meditation on the brain.

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UW-River Falls Partnership with Bolivian University

It was reported by President Reilly that UW-River Falls had signed a first-ever agreement with Unidad Academica Campesina-Carmen Pampa of Bolivia, launching a cultural and academic exchange program between the two universities. The partnership, known as “Project Bolivia”, offers degrees in agriculture, veterinary medicine, nursing, teacher training and eco-tourism – all strong matches to UW-River Falls’ academic strengths.

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Congratulations to 30,000 Graduates

Offering best wishes to graduating students and their families, President Reilly said that the UW System will graduate more than 30,000 highly skilled professionals, prepared to contribute to Wisconsin’s economy and quality of life. The UW’s graduates, he noted, are its greatest contribution to the state.

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Honorary Degree Recipient Elected to Italian Senate

President Reilly reported that Ronato Turano who was being awarded an honorary degree by UW-Parkside, had been elected to the Italian Senate.

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REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presenting the Committee’s report, Regent Burmaster, Chair, began by noting that the theme of diversity and all the efforts being made toward that goal set the stage for the Committee meeting.

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Reforming Teacher Education: Creating a More Diverse Workforce and Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners

Francine Tompkins, Director of PK-16 initiatives for the UW System, reminded the Committee of two of the goals for diversity in teacher education that had been established last fall:

- Recruitment, training, and retention of a more diverse cohort of teachers; and
- Preparation of teachers to effectively work with diverse learners.

The Committee was informed about collaborative efforts to achieve both those goals. Tamara Horstman-Riphah, of UW-La Crosse, described the social justice mission of the Center for Cultural Diversity and Community Research at UW-La Crosse and its efforts to increase diversity among educators. The center has had a particular focus on recruiting, mentoring and preparing Hmong teachers through two multi-campus programs – Project Teach and Project Forward.

The participating campuses are UW-La Crosse, UW-Eau Claire, UW-Stout, UW-Stevens Point, and UW-Marathon County, which collaborate among institutions and PK-12 communities.

The Committee also heard from Hardin Coleman, Associate Dean of the UW-Madison School of Education, regarding plans for the UW System Institute for Urban Education. This institute would provide expanded professional development opportunities in urban education for pre-service and in-service teachers, placing students in Milwaukee for residential and teaching experiences in an urban setting, with at-risk populations.

Regent Burmaster indicated that the Committee was very impressed with both these collaborative efforts that speak directly to the diversity goals of the Board.

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The Educational Mission of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health's Milwaukee Clinical Campus

Regent Burmaster noted that Regents had received information from various stakeholders: The School of Medicine and Public Health, Aurora Health Care, community-based health groups, and several Milwaukee clinical faculty members. The purpose was to provide a forum for discussing the Milwaukee Clinical Campus' commitment to Milwaukee's underserved populations through its partnership with non-profit Aurora Health Care.

The Committee heard from some of the people involved and got a clearer sense of areas of disagreement. At issue was a recently revised affiliation agreement with Aurora, through which the Medical School offers its students the opportunity to work with the urban poor at Aurora sites through its Milwaukee Clinical Campus. The Medical School views this as an essential experience for future doctors.

Several of the faculty from the Clinical Campus perceived that Aurora is backing away from its commitment to provide medical care for Milwaukee's underserved population, and some have chosen not to sign the new employment contracts that are part of the agreement.

Community health groups in Milwaukee and elsewhere have also become interested in the matter, and Regents had received letters from a number of them.

The Committee heard first from Dean Farrell of the School of Medicine and Public Health who discussed the differing responsibilities of the school and of Aurora as spelled out in the affiliation agreement, which he assured the Committee follows national models and strengthens the public health mission of the school.

Nick Turkal, Senior Associate Dean of the Milwaukee Clinical Campus and Senior Vice President of Aurora Health Care, outlined the major concerns of faculty physicians at the Clinical Campus. Some are concerned about the new affiliation agreement, a revised campus structure and employment model, and about the continuing commitment to provide health care to underserved populations.

While admitting that Aurora has closed some of its urban facilities, Mr. Turkal emphasized that Aurora's commitment to underserved populations remains strong and that it commits more financial resources to these efforts than ever before. As examples, he indicated that \$156 million was spent in 2004-05 on uncompensated care, and that 500,000 people who had no health insurance were served last year by Aurora. He also noted that there are two distinct issues involved: educating medical students and Aurora's commitment to the underserved.

Steve Schwartz, of the Wisconsin Citizen Action Network, addressed the Committee next, naming some of the ways in which he felt Aurora was cutting back its care in underserved urban regions for financial reasons, leaving the populations there at risk. He asked the Regents to re-examine the new affiliation agreement.

The next speaker was Dr. Anthony Otters, a Milwaukee Clinical Campus faculty member, who asked the Board for additional discussion of the new affiliation agreement, which he asserted would have a dramatic impact on the underserved population. He particularly objected to the fact that the old agreement had been terminated two years before its expiration and that the new agreement had been approved without public input.

The affiliation agreement was not acted upon by the Board. Rather, it is one of many contractual matters that have been delegated to the institutions – in this case UW-Madison. The new agreement was signed last winter and goes into effect on July 1st.

Regent Burmaster indicated that this will remain a matter on which differing sides might not agree, but which was brought to Regent attention; and awareness of the issues was raised. The Committee made it clear that the Board would not waver in its stewardship role to oversee UW programs, including the School of Medicine and Public Health. The Regents, she stated, care deeply about the school's commitment to doing what it can to serve Milwaukee's most vulnerable citizens, whether with Aurora, the city, or other community-based health care providers.

In conclusion, Regent Burmaster noted that in the fall the School of Medicine and Public Health will return to the Board with a full report on its activities in Milwaukee; and the Committee's expectation is that work will be done to establish trust among the parties.

In discussion at the Board meeting Regent Crain thanked the Education Committee for its attention to this issue, remarking that, even though the affiliation agreement is not within the Board's purview, important questions about health care had been raised that required understanding and response.

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Actions on the Vilas Trust Estate

Noting that in May the Board approved the 2006-07 request to the trust by UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee, Regent Burmaster reported that the Committee's first action was to approve an amended request, as stipulated by the Vilas will. The Committee then voted to approve acceptance of the proffer.

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Program Authorizations

Regent Burmaster reported that the Committee enthusiastically approved two excellent new programs.

The first was a B.A. in Liberal Arts for Teachers at UW-Parkside, an innovative program that responds to national concerns that teachers are not as well prepared as they should be in their major content areas. In addition to providing a solid liberal arts education, the program emphasizes preparation in science and math, areas in which many teachers lack requisite skills and confidence. It is seen as part of the long-term solution to reducing the achievement gap by better educating students in the early years. There is solid representation of people of color among its students, faculty, and governing body.

The second program was a Ph.D in Social Work at UW-Milwaukee. Regent Burmaster reported that the Committee had nothing but accolades for this program, which addresses a statewide and national shortage of doctoral-trained social workers who are needed as faculty for social work programs that are growing across the country.

The program builds on existing research strengths and faculty expertise in the areas of addictions and behavioral health, applied gerontology, and family and child welfare – areas that also align closely with the City of Milwaukee's needs.

The Committee appreciated this program as a demonstration of UW-Milwaukee's desire to grow its research capacity while also fulfilling its urban mission.

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UW-Milwaukee Charter School Contract Extension with YMCA Youth Leadership Academy

The Committee approved the requested contract extension for inclusion in the consent agenda.

Referring the the Committee's decision the preceding month to table another charter school contract request, Regent Burmaster reported that the school was undergoing a thorough re-evaluation by the Office of Charter Schools, motivated by questions raised by Regent Randall. The school will not open this year and may be returned for the Board's consideration next year.

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Consent Agenda

Regent Burmaster moved adoption of the following resolutions as consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Regent Randall and carried unanimously.

Amended Requests to Trustees of the William F. Vilas Trust Estate

Resolution 9184: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellors of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the amended request to the Trustees of the William F. Vilas Trust Estate for \$8,674,928 for fiscal year July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007, subject to availability, as provided by the terms of the William F. Vilas Trust, for Support of Scholarships, Fellowships, Professorships, and Special Programs in Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences and Music.

Acceptance of the Proffer from the Trustees of the William F. Vilas Trust Estate

Resolution 9185: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellors of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents accepts the proffer made by the Trustees of the William F. Vilas Trust Estate for fiscal year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, as provided by the terms of the William F. Vilas Trust, for Support of Scholarships, Fellowships, Professorships, and Special Programs in Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences and Music.

UW-Parkside: Program Authorization (Implementation) B.A. in Liberal Arts for Teachers

Resolution 9186: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to implement the B.A. in Liberal Arts for Teachers.

UW-Milwaukee: Program Authorization (Implementation) Ph.D. in Social Work

Resolution 9187: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to implement the Ph.D. in Social Work.

UW-Milwaukee: Charter School Contract Extension YMCA Youth Leadership Academy

Resolution 9188: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the extension of the charter school contract with the YMCA Youth Leadership Academy, Inc. together with amendments to the contract, establishing a charter school known as the Young Leaders Academy.

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REPORT OF THE PHYSICAL PLANNING AND FUNDING COMMITTEE

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

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UW-Extension: Authority to Grant an Easement for an AT&T Telecommunications Cabinet

The Committee approved this request for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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UW-Madison: Authority to Adjust the Project Scope and Budget of the Health Emotions Research Institute (HERI) Project

Noting that the Board authorized the original project in February, Regent Salas reported that this authority provided the impetus for an additional \$3 million in gift funds, for a total of \$10 million, all in gift funds.

The Committee approved the request for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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UW-Madison: Authority to Acquire a Parcel of Land for Expansion of the University Research Park

Noting that the Board authorized expansion of the Research Park by 113 acres in 2001, Regent Salas indicated that this additional 9 acres would enhance the entrance to the south end of the park.

The Committee approved the request for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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UW-Madison: Authority to Amend the Master Term Sheet with Madison Real Estate Properties for the Redevelopment of the University Square Development Project

Regent Salas indicated that Executive Management, Inc. had been selected as the developer. There would be four units: private housing, retail, university, and parking.

The Committee approved the request for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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UW-Oshkosh: Approval of Design Report and Authority to Construct the South Campus Parking Ramp Project

Noting that this project was enumerated in 2004, Regent Salas pointed out that UW-Oshkosh has a large deficit of parking spaces.

The Committee approved the request for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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UW-River Falls: Authority to Adjust the Project Budget and Construct the Dairy Science Teaching Center Project through a Request for Proposals Process

Regent Salas recalled that in 2004 the Building Commission had suggested reducing the cost by using less expensive building materials. He and others had opposed doing that, and staff compensated by making other reductions.

The Committee approved the request for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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Building Commission Actions

It was reported to the Committee that the Building Commission approved a number of projects, including the UW-Madison Institutes for Discovery.

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Consent Agenda

Regent Salas moved adoption of the following resolutions as consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Regent Crain and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

UW-Extension: Authority to Grant an Easement for an AT&T Telecommunications Cabinet

Resolution 9189: That, upon the recommendation of the UW Colleges/UW-Extension Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted for the officers of the Board of Regents to grant a permanent easement in the city of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, for modification and new installation of telecommunications utilities.

UW-Madison: Authority to Adjust the Project Scope and Budget of the Health Emotions Research Institute (HERI) Addition Project

Resolution 9190: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to increase the project scope and budget of the Health Emotions Research Institute (HERI) Addition project, located at the University Research Park, 6001 Research Park Boulevard, Madison, Wisconsin by \$3,000,000 Gift Funds for a total revised project cost of \$10,000,000 Gift Funds.

UW-Madison: Authority to Acquire a Parcel of Land for the Expansion of University Research Park

Resolution 9191: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to acquire 9.358 acres of land in the city of Madison, Dane County for \$3,434,540 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing plus closing costs and any necessary environmental abatement costs.

UW-Madison: Authority to Amend the Master Term Sheet with Madison Real Estate Properties for the Redevelopment of the University Square Development Project

Resolution 9192: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to amend the Master Term Sheet with Madison Real Estate Properties for the redevelopment of the University Square Development Project.

UW-Oshkosh: Approval of the Design Report and Authority to Construct the South Campus Parking Ramp Project

Resolution 9193: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Oshkosh Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Design Report be approved and authority be granted to: (a) increase the project enumerated budget by \$232,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing (b) replace \$321,000 of Program Revenue Supported Borrowing with an equal amount of General Fund Supported Borrowing - Utilities Repair and Renovation, and (c) construct the South Campus Parking Ramp project at an estimated total project cost of \$7,551,000 (\$7,230,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing, and \$321,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing - Utilities Repair and Renovation).

UW-River Falls: Authority to Adjust the Project Budget and Construct the Dairy Science Teaching Center Project Through a Request for Proposals (RFP) Process

Resolution 9194: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-River Falls Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to design and construct the Dairy Learning Center project, and increase the project budget by \$2,100,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing - All Agency Funds, at a total estimated project cost of \$9,313,000 (\$6,713,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing; \$2,100,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing - All Agency Funds, and \$500,000 Gift Funds).

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REMARKS BY GOVERNOR DOYLE

Introducing Governor Doyle, Regent President Walsh noted that this was the third time that the Governor had honored the Board with his presence and that it is important for the Regents and Governor to communicate in this way.

Recalling that, two years after a large budget cut, the Governor saw fit to reinvest in the university and had solved some access and financial aid problems, Regent President Walsh remarked that the Governor saw the UW as part of the solution to the challenges facing Wisconsin.

Governor Doyle began his comments by thanking Regent Axtell for his term of service to the Board and the students of Wisconsin, calling him “a remarkable man and a bridge builder.”

Welcoming Regents Bartell and Cuene, he noted that they would be smart and hard workers on the Board.

With reference to the Taxpayer Protection Amendment, he credited Regent President Walsh, Regent Burmaster and others for bringing to the attention of the people the fact that putting this amendment in the Constitution would have a serious, negative impact on the university. Votes against the proposal in the Legislature showed understanding of how harmful it would be.

Turning to the Wisconsin Covenant, Governor Doyle said that he is excited about the potential for the state to make sure middle school students know that college is an achievable goal. It will complement the UW’s Growth Agenda, which he considered important to the future of the state and its economy by increasing the number of college graduates in Wisconsin.

Noting that he proposed the Wisconsin Covenant in his State of the State Address, the Governor indicated that he and First Lady Jessica Doyle had been visiting middle schools to promote the concept. Its strength, he felt, is in its simplicity and the profound effect that it will have for students. In a basic exchange of promises, students would be asked to finish high school, take college preparatory courses, maintain a “B” average, and stay out of trouble. In exchange, they would be promised a place in college and the financial aid package that they need.

Indicating that he would want to see the university fully engaged with eighth graders to let them know the importance of preparing for college, he commended UW-Green Bay Chancellor Bruce Shepard and his wife, Cyndie, for leadership in the Phuture Phoenix initiative.

Governor Doyle indicated that he and the First Lady had received positive feedback about the Covenant from students, teachers, and parents. For many students, he said, there is a perception that college is for rich people. It is this problem that the Covenant will address. Graduation of a first generation college student, he observed, is the proudest moment in a parent’s life.

Noting that the Wisconsin Covenant will require resources, he congratulated President Reilly and the chancellors for focusing attention and seeking to change the national trend of students from low-income families attending college in fewer numbers than other students. "That is not acceptable," he said. "It isn't fair, and we are leaving too much talent to the side when we are not making sure that those kids are coming through." In that regard, he had been glad to be able to veto back into the budget a doubling of state financial aid for these students. Unfortunately, he noted, federal student financial aid funding remained flat or decreasing.

The Governor suggested setting up a not-for-profit organization to raise private dollars for the Covenant. This kind of a program might also mentor eighth graders through their high school years to help them adhere to their promises.

He felt that the Covenant is being well received because it is a basic value of the state's people that, if students work hard and do well in school, it is only fair that they should be able to attend college. In that regard, he reported that he also has received an enthusiastic response to the Covenant from the Wisconsin Technical College System and private colleges.

In conclusion, he stated that he wants the next class of eighth graders to be able to sign the Covenant.

In discussion following the Governor's remarks, Regent Smith, President of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, thanked him for including the technical colleges in his plans for the Covenant. With regard to the Growth Agenda, he noted that some had suggested that it would be more effective to attract graduates from outside the state than to grow the number of degrees awarded in Wisconsin.

Governor Doyle replied that the state needs both more in-state university graduates and more graduates from outside of the state. The UW, he said, is the state's greatest attractor of highly talented people and an ongoing source of friends, like the Morgridges, who graduated from the UW, live elsewhere, but still benefit Wisconsin students with their philanthropy.

Thanking Governor Doyle for endorsing the Growth Agenda, Regent Loftus noted the brain gain to the state from the university's stem cell research program. He asked what the Governor thought about the program's future.

In response, Governor Doyle pointed out that stem cell research represents an opportunity that does not often arise. Noting that the UW has the most advanced stem cell research team in the world, he said that the state has the opportunity to be in the forefront of curing intractable diseases and that Wisconsin can take great pride in that leadership. He predicted that the practice of medicine will be revolutionized and that Wisconsin is positioned in the center of that forward movement.

With regard to economic impact, he thought that a major part of the state's economic growth could be built around the bio-sciences, facilitated by the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation's first-rate technology transfer capabilities. Noting that he had vetoed a bill to stop stem cell research, he said that such legislation would pose a major threat of sending the UW's research team to another state.

The Institutes for Discovery, the Governor remarked, would boost the state's growth in this area, as would promising work being done at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He felt strongly that the state needs to maintain its leadership in this field.

Regent Salas thanked the Governor for restoring financial aid funds to the budget, adding that more will be needed for lower income students.

Governor Doyle replied that he was hopeful that the state could continue to increase its investment in this area, noting that more college degrees translate into more tax revenue.

Regent Salas also thanked the Governor for his support of capital projects at the Building Commission, including classroom projects and the Institutes for Discovery.

Regent Crain stated that the Wisconsin Covenant must include outreach to families and communities so that parents know from the time of a child's birth that this avenue would be open to them. "I think that will help families to believe in a future for their children," she said.

Regent President Walsh thanked Governor Doyle for his courage on the stem cell issue and for his leadership in the Wisconsin Covenant to make college affordable. He asked what the challenges might be in implementing it.

The Governor replied that it would be of key importance to keep the message clear and simple. As to the requirement for staying out of trouble, he suggested that principals might sign a certificate that the students had been good citizens. Indicating that he has not heard opposition to the program, he said that it will be important to keep the message before the public.

Stating that he thought that the Covenant is a wonderful idea, Regent Bartell asked for the Governor's advice on improving relationships with the Legislature.

Governor Doyle replied that the chancellors are the university's best ambassadors. Suggesting that the focus be kept on the education and research mission, he said: "I can't tell you how highly regarded this system is. Communities deeply respect the leadership of their local campuses." The defeat of the Taxpayer Protection Amendment, he added, partly resulted from people understanding the damaging effect that it would have on the university.

Thanking the Governor for his leadership on the Wisconsin Covenant, Chancellor Wells agreed that the message needs to be clear and simple and that the technical colleges and others should be included. Indicating that he had learned through his experience in Indiana the importance of core curriculum in this type of program, he thought that kind of curriculum might be incorporated, rather than a grade point average.

Governor Doyle indicated that the advantage of using a "B" average is that everyone knows what it means.

Thanking the Governor for coming to the meeting, Regent President Walsh stated the Board's appreciation for his support of the university.

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REPORT OF THE BUSINESS, FINANCE, AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

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Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future

The Business, Finance and Audit Committee met in joint session with the Education Committee to hear presentation of the report of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and the Oversight and Advisory Committee: The Wisconsin Partnership for a Healthy Future.

Noting that this was the second annual report on use of funds received from the conversion of Blue Cross and Blue Shield United of Wisconsin to a for-profit stock corporation, UW-Madison Medical School Dean Philip Farrell described the activities leading to the award of grants by the Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) and the Medical Education and Research Committee (MERC) for health improvement projects, along with description of projects that received funding. Total funding of \$18.8 million was awarded.

The OAC, which was allocated 35% of the funding for public health initiatives, awarded a total of \$5.5 million. The funded projects represent initiatives that address many issues identified in the State Health Plan, Healthiest Wisconsin 2010, show success in meeting minority population needs, and are aligned closely with the goals of the Five-Year Plan.

The MERC, which was allocated 65% of the funding, made awards of \$13.3 million. For two-thirds of this funding, emphasis was placed on funding five focus areas in education and research. The remaining one-third went to strategic initiatives, including expansion of the Master's of Public Health, the Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine, reducing cancer disparity, a transformation of health care conference, a health innovations program, and a new investigator program.

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UW-Growth Agenda: A Plan for UW-Oshkosh

Chancellor Wells presented to the Business, Finance and Audit Committee the UW-Oshkosh component of the UW Growth Agenda. The campus aims to increase the number of graduates through increased enrollment, increased degree offerings, and retention of increased numbers of students of color and adult students. It was noted that more faculty would be needed to serve additional students. The goal would be to add 400 students per biennium for three biennia.

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Follow-Up Discussion of 2007-09 Biennial Budget Initiatives

Associate Vice President Freda Harris answered follow-up questions from the Committee regarding the biennial budget, including possible ways to prioritize institutional initiatives.

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Audit Update

Quarterly Status Report: Operations Review and Audit

Ron Yates, Director of the Office of Operations Review and Audit, gave an update on the office's major projects. Those under way include reviews of tuition waivers and academic fees. Initial information had been received from the Legislative Audit Bureau on the economic development review.

Program Review Report: Student Segregated Fees

Members of the Physical Planning and Funding Committee joined the meeting at this time.

Mr. Yates presented findings and recommendations from the review of student segregated fees. Fee setting and collection processes were found to be appropriate and in compliance with UW System and Board policies, and students are fairly informed and participate significantly in the process. Some inconsistencies were noted, and several recommendations for improvements were made. Among its recommendations, the report suggested:

- Involving students in the early stages of budget development.
- Customizing and standardizing budget materials.
- Including additional details when submitting proposed segregated fee rates and fee-funded capital projects.

The Committee discussed the recommendations, and it was agreed that the matter would come back to the Committee at the June meeting with a scope statement for a system-wide committee to develop options for the Board to consider with respect to each of the recommendations included in the report.

The intent is to involve the Physical Planning and Funding Committee, along with other interested Regents.

Review of Scope for Possible Program Review of Academic Performance Standards in Division I and II Coaches' Contracts

The Committee approved Mr. Yates' proposed scope for a review of academic performance standards in coaches' contracts. A review was requested by Regent Randall at the March Committee meeting.

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Review of Chancellors' and President's Car Allowance

Vice President Durcan reviewed a number of alternatives to the current \$700 per month car allowance for UW Chancellors and the System President. She indicated that the President recommended eliminating the current allowance system and replacing it with a vehicle leasing contract through the Department of Administration.

The Committee approved the recommendation for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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Committee Business

2005-07 Administrative Position Reduction Report

Associate Vice President Freda Harris presented information regarding state-mandated reductions in the number administrative positions by institution, staff type, and title. The report was required to be submitted to the Department of Administration in the 2005-07 biennial budget.

The Committee approved the report for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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Authorization to Distribute Delayed 2005-06 Pay Plan to University Academic Leadership

Associate Vice President Crist discussed this item with the Committee, noting that the 2005-07 biennial budget provided for a two percent pay plan effective July 1, 2005 for the 2005-06 fiscal year.

The Committee approved for inclusion in the consent agenda a resolution authorizing the UW System President to distribute the pay plan funds in accordance with the originally agreed upon plan, as they have now been released by the Joint Committee on Employment Relations.

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Report of the Vice President

Action by Joint Committee on Employment Relations

Vice President Durcan reported that the Joint Committee on Employment Relations approved the additional 1.25% pay plan effective April 1, 2007 for university employees.

Assembly Colleges and Universities Committee

It was reported by Vice President Durcan that Senior Executive Vice President Mash, General Counsel Brady, and Audit Director Yates represented the university at a

recent hearing at which they discussed the status of the UW's payroll software system and other issues. Dr. Mash provided additional information to the Committee on the university's appointment, payroll and benefit system, which remains a challenging and difficult matter.

Utilities

Vice President Durcan reported that the most current projection showed a slight surplus in the utility appropriation. It was hoped that any savings could be applied to the shortfall due to veterans' tuition remissions.

In other discussion, Regent Loftus expressed concern over the potential negative impact on UW-Madison of any constitutional amendment to limit either revenues or expenses. He asked General Counsel Brady to prepare a preliminary briefing memo on giving UW-Madison more autonomy in setting tuition, determining faculty salaries, and other things the Board might be able to do within its statutory authority.

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Consent Agenda

Regent Pruitt moved adoption of the following resolutions as consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Regent Smith and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

The Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a healthy Future (Blue Cross & Blue Shield program) UW School of Medicine and Public Health and the Oversight and Advisory Committee 2005 Annual Report

Resolution 9195: 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 the 2005 Annual Report of *The Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future*, which was collaboratively developed by the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and the Oversight and Advisory Committee, in accordance with the Order of the Insurance Commissioner and the Agreement.

Review of Chancellors' and President's Car Allowance

Resolution 9196: That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents eliminates the \$700 per month car allowance as soon as existing contractual obligations are concluded, and that

the President and the Chancellors be provided cars through the Department of Administration's State leasing contract.

2005-07 Administrative Position Reduction Report

Resolution 9197: That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the 2005-07 Administrative Position Reduction Report for submission to the Secretary of the Department of Administration.

Authorization to Distribute the Delayed 2005-07 Pay Plan to University Academic Leadership Contingent Upon Release of Funds by Joint Committee on Employment Relations

Resolution 9198: That, contingent upon release by the Joint Committee on Employment Relations of the previously delayed 2005-06 pay plan for University Academic Leaders, the Board of Regents authorizes the UW System President to distribute the pay plan funds in accordance with the attached Schedule A, effective July 1, 2005.

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Veterans' Tuition Remissions and the Growth Agenda

Noting that recent legislation expanded veterans' tuition remissions from 50% to 100% as of fall 2007, Regent Loftus observed that this program could help achieve the goals of both the Growth Agenda and the diversity effort. He suggested that thought be given as to how to integrate the program with those initiatives.

Expressing agreement with that idea, Regent Pruitt commented that the UW has done a fine job of finding resources to support the remissions to date. He said that pride should be taken in that accomplishment, as well as in the administrative position reductions.

Regent President Walsh said that a group would be formed to think about the idea and come back to the Board with recommendations.

Regent Bradley remarked that it should be made clear that the Growth Agenda is a data-based response on how to provide the people of the state with the educational opportunities that they need.

Regent Burmaster agreed with that thought, noting that the state has understood the need of the technical colleges to grow.

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COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS

Regent Loftus noted the retirement of Don Nichols, UW-Madison Professor of Economics, after a career of 40 years. During that time, he recruited one of the best economics faculties in the world. A public intellectual, Professor Nichols was able explain complex economic issues and what it means to be in a global economy.

The meeting was recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

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Closed Session

At 12:00 p.m., the following resolution, moved by Regent Bradley and seconded by Regent Loftus, was adopted on a roll-call vote, with Regents Axtell, Bradley, Burmaster, Crain, Cuene, Loftus, McPike, Pruitt, Randall, Semenas, and Walsh (11) voting in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes and no abstentions.

Resolution 9199: Recess into closed session to consider annual personnel evaluations, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(c) *Wis. Stats.*; to consider a salary adjustment at UW-Madison, as permitted by s.19.85(c) *Wis. Stats.*; and to confer with legal counsel regarding pending or potential litigation, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(g) *Wis. Stats.*

The closed session concluded at 1:55 p.m., with the following resolution having been adopted.

UW-Madison: Approval of Salary: Dean of the Law School

Resolution 9200: That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor, the annual salary for Kenneth Davis, Dean of the Law School, University of Wisconsin-Madison, be increased by \$22,352 to an annual salary of \$270,000, effective July 1, 2006.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Judith A. Temby, Secretary

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