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- President Walsh presiding -

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PRESENT: Regents Bartell, Bradley, Connolly-Keesler, Crain, Cuene,
Davis, Loftus, McPike, Pruitt, Randall, Rosenzweig, Semenas,
Shields, Smith, Spector, and Walsh

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regents Burmaster and Salas

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Approval of Minutes of the December 8, 2006 Meeting

The minutes of the December 8, 2006 meeting were approved as distributed, upon motion by Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Pruitt.

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Association of Governing Boards Program

Reporting that he had appeared at an AGB program on fiduciary responsibility for university foundations, Regent President Walsh said that participants were particularly impressed with the UW-Madison Foundation as a leader in the country.

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Meeting with Attorney General

Regent President Walsh reported that he and General Counsel Brady had an excellent introductory meeting with Attorney General J. B. Van Hollen to discuss current issues and communications between the university and the Department of Justice.

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Forum on Admissions Policy

Reporting on the January 29, 2007 public forum on admissions, Regent President Walsh remarked that the five locations around the state provided broad public access and that much input had been obtained. He thanked the regents who had participated, as well as Communications Director David Giroux and his staff for their work on this project.

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Biennial Budget

Regent President Walsh reported that he was continuing to work with the Governor's Office regarding the UW's budget. While the economic situation would require difficult budget decisions, he remarked that Governor Doyle views the role of higher education as vital to the state's future.

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Report on the January 19, 2007 Meeting of the Educational Communications Board

A written report on this meeting was provided

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Report on the January 23, 2007 Meeting of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board

A written report on this meeting was provided.

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Report on the February 7, 2007 Meeting of the Hospital Authority Board

A written report on this meeting was provided.

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SYSTEM

Presentation: UW-Madison Spring 2007 Update

In introductory remarks, Provost Patrick Farrell noted that his career in engineering at UW-Madison spanned 25 years, during which time his team was awarded as much as \$100 million in grants for research in the area of combustion. Along the way, he became interested in faculty development on improving student learning; and the program he initiated has now been in place for 15 years. His presentation would focus on the nexus between teaching and research at UW-Madison.

Referring to the UW-Madison Strategic Plan, Provost Farrell said that the mission is to “sustain and strengthen our position of preeminence in research and higher education.” The university, he noted, is a major public institution with a “very high research activity” Carnegie designation. It educates 29,500 undergraduate students, 9,000 graduate students, 2,500 professional students, and more than 25,000 off-campus students (credit and non-credit), with 2,200 faculty. Among its peers, UW-Madison is the 6th largest university in terms of student headcount, but the 9th largest in terms of faculty.

Of the university’s \$2.2 billion budget, 30% comes from federal sources, 19% from gifts and grants, 15% from tuition, 12% from state general program revenue, 13% from auxiliary operations, and the rest from other sources.

An integrated teaching and research culture, he continued, influences most of what is done on campus, including who comes to campus (students, faculty and staff), why they came, why they stay and why they leave; what they do, value, expect, and aspire to; and what education means.

In that regard, he pointed out that many faculty receive multiple offers; and UW-Madison is almost never able to offer top dollar. However, many faculty come to Madison because of the teaching and research culture and because of the eminence of those who will be their colleagues. While the university is good at picking good prospects, he cautioned that retention is more of a challenge once the faculty member has become successful and likely to receive higher offers from other universities.

Research, Provost Farrell said, is “about applying fundamental knowledge to new situations; uncovering new connections, realizations, understanding, and truths; and applying these to the world outside academia.” Graduates leave UW-Madison with knowledge based on current research and with understanding of how to build on this knowledge to solve new problems.

Researchers, he explained, are able to teach students to think in an inductive manner, which is how they learn to create new knowledge. In that regard, he pointed out that, because knowledge is dynamic, it is necessary for people to continually reassess what they thought they knew and that lifelong learning is essential. Students learn through practice since this type of thinking is embedded in most parts of the curriculum and results from the combination of teaching and research.

Hallmarks of success include recognized ability to address new problems in society. In that regard, he mentioned such outcomes as the large number of CEOs and Peace Corps volunteers among UW-Madison graduates. Success is “continued leadership in graduate and undergraduate education and a dynamic and successful spectrum of research activity that allows UW-Madison to continue to be recognized as one of the best research universities in the world.”

As to other measures, he cited six-year graduation rates that continue to climb and currently stand at 78.1%; time-to-degree, which continues to decline and stands at 4.17 years; the proportion of minority students on campus, which is increasing and stands at 14%; and the increasing percentage of faculty and staff who are people of color.

Another measure, he noted, is extramural research support, which continues to climb, with the university receiving more grant funding from the National Science Foundation than any other public research university. However, he explained that for some parts of the campus, this measure is not a good indicator of success because many fewer dollars are available for research in the humanities and social sciences.

With regard to patents and licensing, the Provost indicated that numbers of patent applications and patents issued continue to increase, along with licensing income. This, he pointed out, is an important avenue for amplifying the Wisconsin Idea by helping university research to grow the state’s economy.

With regard to federal research awards, he provided a chart indicating that almost half of the \$503 million in 2005-06 came from the Department of Health and Human services, and 28% come from the National Science Foundation. Non-federal awards also have grown to a total of \$200 million. Of that amount, 23% came from the UW Foundation, 27% from other foundations, 21% from business and industry, 18% from the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, and 11% from other sources.

In terms of research expenditures, Wisconsin ranked third among public universities in total research and development expenditures in 2004 and fourth in federal expenditures.

In order to enhance success in the future, Provost Farrell indicated that, through such means as the upcoming reaccreditation process, the campus must recognize key elements that contribute to current success; forecast the role of UW-Madison in the future and how best to prepare students for challenges in that future; engage in continuous improvement strategies; and use resources to anticipate future needs of the campus and its students.

With regard to accountability and assessment, he noted that there are many measures already in place and ways to improve further are being sought.

In conclusion, Provost Farrell identified as major challenges for the university the changing environment for higher education; the fact that the university has many more applicants than it can accept; the need to anticipate how to continue serving as a major economic engine for the state; and continuous changes in students, faculty and staff.

Alan Fish, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus Planning then discussed investment in 21st century research facilities, pointing out significant investments that have been made since 1991.

Until that time, the university had relied on state funds, which were not adequate to meet facility needs. Chancellor Shalala, working with Governor Thompson, then developed a way to fund facilities through partnerships that brought in other sources of funds.

Partnership initiatives included:

- WISTAR: \$233 million, a 50/50 match with the state
- HEALTHSTAR: \$215 million, with one-third state funding
- BIOSTAR: \$262 million, 50/50 match with the state
- WISCONSIN INSTITUTES FOR DISCOVERY: \$150 million, one-third state funding.

WISTAR, Mr. Fish explained, provided buildings needed by individual colleges. In HEALTHSTAR, health science facilities were consolidated around UW Hospital, allowing for better integration between disciplines. BIOSTAR took another step forward, by consolidating Bioscience programs in a cross-disciplinary manner.

The Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery will house non-departmental interdisciplinary research at the intersection of Biotechnology Info-technology, and Nanotechnology. It will be as a problem-solving research facility, designed to obtain grants and promote technology transfer.

Mr. Fish then displayed a map showing the cluster of health science buildings on the west campus and the current focus on the central campus. The new Union South, he indicated, will help support the Wisconsin Institutes of Discovery with food and other services.

The campus master plan, he noted, provides design context, site capacity, scheduling sequence, utility capacity and connections, transportation considerations, and open space.

In conclusion, he pointed out that these significant research investments, matched with state money, has helped researchers compete for funding.

In response to a question by Regent Davis, Provost Farrell explained that the 4.17 year time to degree varies by major, with Letters and Science students graduating sooner than those in fields like Engineering.

Regent Pruitt asked the provost to comment on the importance of graduate students and challenges for graduate education.

In reply, Provost Farrell stated that attracting top graduate students is of critical importance to the research mission. The greatest challenge is obtaining reliable long-term funding to support these students; and the ability to provide such support allows the university to compete successfully for the best students. In the Humanities, the financial capacity to support graduate students is reduced and attracting them is more of a challenge. In addition, he noted that the availability of excellent graduate students is an important factor in attracting outstanding faculty.

Regent Loftus observed that UW-Madison, one of the greatest universities in the world, is a state university but is not state supported. He asked that the regents consider devoting a future meeting to the unique status, needs and future of the Madison campus.

In reply to a question by Regent Connolly-Keesler, Provost Farrell indicated that there has been no change in recent years in the percentage of classes taught by teaching assistants. While other staff have been eliminated by budget cuts, the number of faculty was remained relatively constant.

Expressing appreciation for the excellent presentation, Regent Spector suggested that attention be devoted to strategic planning on how UW-Madison's role fits with other UW institutions in order to maximize the effectiveness of the system as a whole.

Provost Farrell referred to an invitation provided to the members of the board to UW-Madison's annual improvement showcase, in which innovative ways to make better use of resources are displayed. This event allows faculty and staff to use the successful ideas of others in a continuing effort to be as efficient and effective as possible with the resources that are available.

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Resolution of Appreciation: UW-La Crosse Interim Chancellor Elizabeth Hitch

Expressing appreciation to Provost Hitch, President Reilly noted that her months as interim chancellor had focused on efforts to promote the university's growth and access plan, which had since been approved by the board and would be included in Governor Doyle's budget. There also had been the need to cope with the tragic loss of a UW-La Crosse student and continuing discussions about problems of excessive alcohol use. As interim chancellor, Dr. Hitch had been a leader in helping the community find solutions to promote student safety on and off campus. The *La Crosse Tribune* also wrote an editorial offering Provost Hitch thanks and praise for her outstanding service.

Presenting Resolution 9285, Regent Smith commended provost Hitch for her leadership, which has benefited both UW-La Crosse and the UW System as a whole. The resolution was adopted by acclamation with a standing ovation in honor of Provost Hitch.

Resolution 9285:

WHEREAS, Dr. Elizabeth J. Hitch has provided steady leadership as interim chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse since June 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hitch provided forward-thinking direction and guidance during a time of transition, maintaining a sharp focus on the future of UW-La Crosse; and

WHEREAS, Hitch has been a passionate and confident champion for UW-La Crosse's proposed Growth and Access Agenda, designed to serve more students from Wisconsin and elsewhere, to encourage students from low-income families, and to generate revenue to sustain campus growth; and

WHEREAS, with her peer leaders from Viterbo University and Western Wisconsin Technical College, Dr. Hitch led a Community Advocacy Group to raise community awareness about the risks of excessive and dangerous alcohol consumption and to promote personal safety and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Liz's leadership earned her the respect of all UW-La Crosse's shared governance groups, the Academic Staff Council, the Faculty Senate, and the Student Association; and

WHEREAS, Hitch has been a responsive leader and a strong proponent of UW-La Crosse and the people in its campus community;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby offers thanks and commendation to Dr. Elizabeth J. Hitch for her service as interim chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, and thanks Hitch for her continued service as Provost at UW-La Crosse.

Stating her gratitude for the recognition, Provost Hitch observed that her time as interim chancellor had been "challenging, rewarding, energizing, and more." She benefited from the advice of other chancellors and from the support she received on campus, from President Reilly and system staff, from Regent Smith and other board members, from the community, and from her fellow provosts. Observing that the Seven Rivers Area provides great support for UW-La Crosse, she remarked that she had learned much and was privileged to have served.

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Support for the Growth Agenda for Wisconsin

President Reilly stated his great appreciation that, in his State of the State Address, Governor Doyle outlined his strong intent to re-invest in the UW System and in proposals to produce more graduates, expand research capacity and grow jobs across Wisconsin. He also had indicated that more financial aid would be provided to help students pay for college. “The Governor’s speech recognized that the University of Wisconsin System gives the state a unique advantage. And it was encouraging to hear him credit this university’s innovative energy as the key to the state’s success,” he said.

President Reilly reported that he was hearing from more and more supporters who believe that the Growth Agenda will be a wise investment for Wisconsin, including leaders from both parties and both houses of the Legislature who have expressed support for the UW’s emphasis on affordability, access, and economic development.

In the last several months, at least 75 community leaders, business executives and elected leaders publicly endorsed the Growth Agenda for Wisconsin. Since his last report to the board, the President received additional statements of support from:

- The Academic Staff Senates at UW-Oshkosh and UW-Madison
- The Classified Staff Advisory Committee of UW-Stevens Point
- La Crosse County Board Chair Steve Doyle
- The members of United St. Croix Valley Days, who helped to advocate for the Growth Agenda during a day of legislative visits
- Senator Dave Hansen who wrote to give his strong support to the Northeastern Wisconsin Growth Agenda and the role it can play in the region’s economic development.

Reporting that he continued to travel around the state to promote the Growth Agenda, President Reilly said that, in December, he joined Chancellor Bunnell in Stevens Point for a series of conversations in the community. He talked with business leaders on the Portage County Business Council who were especially interested in how the Growth Agenda could enhance the region’s economic development. He also met with community members of the Stevens Point Kiwanis Club and with faculty, staff and students during a campus open forum and spoke about the Growth Agenda with editorial boards of the *Stevens Point Journal* and *Wausau Daily Herald*.

At the end of February, he planned to visit the Fox Valley to meet with business and community leaders at the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce and with more than 200 members of the Downtown Appleton Rotary. He hoped to speak with area editorial boards as well. In March, he planned to travel to Superior to meet with community leaders and people on campus to talk about the Growth Agenda.

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Entrepreneurship Initiative

Stating that entrepreneurship is key to building a dynamic Wisconsin, President Reilly said that he is pleased that the UW will be instrumental in fostering an entrepreneurial climate. In that regard, he quoted from the Governor's State of the State Address: "Wisconsin has thousands of researchers and entrepreneurs with good ideas for new businesses . . . and by unleashing a new generation of entrepreneurs, we can win the global competition . . . and put Wisconsin to work."

In December, he noted, Governor Doyle and UW-Madison Chancellor John Wiley announced that the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation of Kansas City had designated UW-Madison as one of its eight new "Kauffman Campuses," a designation that comes with \$5 million to train students in entrepreneurship and spur greater research commercialization statewide. He congratulated Chancellor Wiley and his colleagues on this noteworthy award.

In the spirit of the Wisconsin Idea, President Reilly continued, the UW System would work with UW-Madison and, eventually, all campuses on this vital initiative. Together, he said, "we can broaden the UW's great legacy of teaching, research and outreach; grow the next generation of young entrepreneurs; provide them access to capital; and make Wisconsin the envy of our knowledge economy."

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Campus/Industry Research Collaborations

Also related to the Growth Agenda, President Reilly reported, the UW System Office of Federal Relations and WiSys continued to foster research collaborations. In January, 40 faculty, staff, and industry representatives gathered at UW-Eau Claire to learn about the tools and talents researchers are using to develop cutting-edge nanoscience. The group heard how nanoscience could advance Northwest Wisconsin industries, like forest products and plastics. UW-Eau Claire is home to the state-of-the-art Materials Science Center – the cornerstone of the NanoSTEM initiative in the Growth Agenda.

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Federal Research Funding

President Reilly reported that the House of Representatives approved and forwarded to the Senate a Fiscal Year 2007 funding bill that would provide more funding for the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Energy's Office of Science, all of which fund university research.

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Pell Grant Increase

The federal funding bill also would raise the maximum Pell Grant for low-income students by \$260 – the first increase since 2002. For 2008, President Bush's budget

proposed raising the Pell Grant by 14%, or an additional \$550, and by 33% over the next five years. These measures, the President noted, would be welcome help to students in paying for college.

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In Memory of Regent Emeritus Ody J. Fish

Noting the passing earlier in the week of Regent Emeritus Ody J. Fish, President Reilly observed that he had been a key player in the formation of the UW System. In his first term on the board, from 1970-78, he helped to write the legislation that established the system and its governing principles under Chapter 36 of the Wisconsin Statutes. In his second term, from 1982-89, he chaired the study group that created the comprehensive strategic plan, "Planning the Future", adopted in 1986. He also served a term as vice president of the board. When he retired from the board after more than 16 years of service, he told his fellow regents that he gained more from his time on the board than he felt he could have given back. Regent Fish may have appreciated higher education even more profoundly, President Reilly observed, because he did not have a college degree himself.

Regent Fish will be remembered, he said, as "an engaging leader who devoted his time, energy, and extensive knowledge about the UW's history to making this university the best it could be, with students always in mind."

Regent Bradley recalled that Regent Fish was a member of the board when he worked as a UW System budget analyst 35 years ago. At that time, the board was considering a freshman admissions policy that set forth criteria and recognized the importance of meeting the diverse needs of the state's population through a flexible admissions policy. As evidence of student preparation, the policy specified consideration of rank in class and said that test scores may be required. It also provided that applicants may be considered if, "on the basis of other factors, they appear to have a reasonable probability of success. Particular consideration in admission will be given to applicants who have been out of school for two or more years, service veterans with at least 180 days of active duty, and to students who have been disadvantaged as a result of substandard education, family income level, or ethnic background."

Regent Fish, Regent Bradley pointed out, joined his colleagues in adopting this resolution unanimously 35 years ago.

Noting that he was a member of the Legislature at the time when Regent Fish served on the board, Regent Loftus recalled that Regent Fish spent a great deal of time at the Capitol talking with legislators, that he was well-liked and respected, and that his advocacy with lawmakers greatly benefited the university. "He was a great man and will be missed," Regent Loftus remarked.

In Memory of E. David Cronon

President Reilly noted the passing in late 2006 of E. David Cronon, the revered former dean of the UW-Madison College of Letters and Sciences and a professor of history for more than four decades. “His legacy,” the President said, “speaks volumes about the caliber of faculty and administrative leadership that has blessed this system for decades.”

Dean Cronon, he continued, was a “scholar, an innovator and a diversifier”. During his tenure as dean, he introduced many new programs, including Afro-American Studies, Women’s Studies, Anthropology, and Computer Sciences. He led the adoption of computer technology for teaching and research, advocated for focusing more resources and attention on undergraduate education, and recruited minority faculty and students to UW-Madison.

In his last lecture before retiring as dean in 1988, he said the following about the importance of a liberal education: “In short, we are content if our Letters and Sciences graduates leave the college with the humility that comes from knowing how little, rather than how much, one knows. During their brief time with us, we want them to learn how to make the most of their talents, so they will spend the rest of their lives being unwilling to settle for anything less.”

Regent Spector remarked that Dean Cronon was a wonderful man who wrote a great history of the university and who will be long remembered. Dean Cronon’s son, he noted, is William Cronon, Frederick Jackson Turner Professor and Vilas Research Professor of History at UW-Madison.

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Alliant Energy/Erroll B. Davis Jr. Achievement Awards

President Reilly reported that a ceremony was to be held following the meeting to honor four outstanding students with academic achievement awards that are presented in partnership with Alliant Energy. Alliant Energy generously created a \$400,000 endowment to fund the Alliant Energy/Erroll B. Davis Jr. Achievement Awards to honor outstanding scholarship and community service of students from traditionally underrepresented minority groups. The awards are named in honor of Erroll B. Davis, who formerly served as Alliant CEO and as a member of the UW Board of Regents and who currently is chancellor of the University System of Georgia. They recognize his commitment to advancing opportunities for academic excellence, community service and leadership for students of color in Wisconsin.

Four students had been selected from UW-Platteville and UW-Madison as the first to receive these \$4,000 awards upon graduation:

- Ninrat Datiri, a senior at UW-Madison majoring in Electrical Engineering. While attending school, he worked for IBM and Hewlett Packard and participated in a number of research projects. He is president of the National Society of Black Engineers-Wisconsin Black

Engineering Student Society, as well as a resident advisor and multicultural residential consultant in UW-Madison residence halls.

- Tha Yeng Kong, a UW-Platteville senior majoring in Business Administration. He is on the dean's list and has held business internships. An active member of the A.S.I.A. Club, he also is secretary of the Hmong Club and hopes to become a manager or executive for a large corporation.
- Natanael Jose Martinez graduated from UW-Madison in December with degrees in Management and Human Resources and Marketing, with a certificate in Chicano Studies. While at UW-Madison, he worked with middle school students in English-as-a-Second-Language programs and with the PEOPLE program – UW-Madison's pre-college program that helps high school students bridge the gap between secondary and higher education. Mr. Martinez formed the Latino Men's Group, a support group for Latino students and for those who want to learn about Latino culture.
- Der Vang graduated from UW-Platteville in December with a degree in Electrical Engineering – the first in his family to receive a college degree. He was president of UW-Platteville's Hmong Club for two years and earned Multicultural Student of the Year and Multicultural Leadership Awards. He plans to attend graduate school and will pursue a career in Electrical Engineering.

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Recognition of Regent Milton McPike

President Reilly reported that Regent McPike, who recently won the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award, had received the new honor of a cover story in the publication *50 Plus Lifestyles*. The article recognized Regent McPike for his lifelong commitment to education, noting that "Milt McPike continues to care".

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REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Regent Davis, chair, presented the committee's report.

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UW System Freshman Admissions Policy

Reporting that the proposed freshman admissions policy was first considered at an informative morning session to which all regents were invited, Regent Davis indicated that the committee resumed discussion of the issue in its afternoon session.

Regent President Walsh and Regent Spector raised concern that, while socio-economic factors are considered in the admissions process, information about socio-economic status is not explicitly included in the application process. The committee was informed that the Application Review Committee is considering this matter and will offer recommendations. In addition, it was indicated that, as students and parents become more aware of the criteria, they will provide more information on socio-economic status when appropriate.

Regent President Walsh offered an amendment, which was approved by the committee, to add language in Section I.E. clarifying that, when institutions waive one or more requirements for particular applicants, the decision is based on sound educational judgment “that the student will succeed at the institution, benefit from that educational experience, and contribute to the educational environment.”

The committee then approved the amended policy for consideration by the full board.

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Program Authorization: Ph.D. in Educational Psychology, UW-Milwaukee, and Chippewa Valley Technical College Associate of Science Degree Liberal Arts Transfer Program

To discuss the Ph.D. in Educational Psychology, Provost Rita Cheng introduced Professor Nadya Fouad, chair of the Department of Educational Psychology, who described a realignment of four programs (Counseling Psychology, School Psychology, Research Methods, and Learning and Development) that currently are offered under UW-Milwaukee’s Urban Education Ph.D. She explained that the new Ph.D. in Educational Psychology will better reflect the nature of the programs, better serve students as they seek employment, and provide visibility that will aid in attracting and retaining high quality faculty. She pointed to the quality and diversity of the current faculty, as well as the focus on diversity in the curriculum, and noted the diverse student body currently pursuing these programs under the Urban Education degree.

The committee approved a resolution authorizing implementation of the program for inclusion in the consent agenda.

With regard to the Associate of Science Degree proposed by the Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC), the committee noted that President Reilly will review the program pursuant to the principles, guidelines and criteria to be acted upon by the board at this meeting. Regent Davis introduced a number of Wisconsin Technical College System leaders who were present for the discussion, including WTCS President Dan Clancy, Vice President Cathy Cullen, Associate Vice President Annette Seversen, and Chippewa Valley Technical College President Bill Illenfeld.

Interim Senior Vice President Rebecca Martin advised that the purpose of the discussion at this meeting was to frame a set of questions relating to the key criteria against which the program would be reviewed. She introduced Associate Vice President Ron Singer who outlined a set of questions relating to the three criteria central to the review: need, collaboration, and resources. He also summarized information regarding the proposal that related to those criteria.

Keith Summers, a member of the UW Colleges Board of Visitors spoke in support of the central role that the UW Colleges play in providing associate degree education to the citizens of Wisconsin and the role they could play in offering this degree program. He urged the committee to carefully consider collaboration to avoid duplication.

Regent Cuene expressed her strong support for the work of the Chippewa Valley Technical College and its president, stating that her visits to the district have demonstrated to her the quality of its programs and the leadership provided by its president in meeting area needs.

Chancellor Sorensen indicated the support he had provided for the CVTC program before its board and the numerous collaborations between UW-Stout and CVTC over the years.

Questions and points were raised about the capacity of the three area UW comprehensive institutions to accommodate students in their freshman classes, the need to maintain the strength of the UW Colleges, the focus on students in considering this proposal, and the need to market programs to working adults.

President Reilly noted that he had not yet made a decision about this program and that his recommendation will be presented to the board at the March meeting, accompanied by an analysis of the proposal similar to that provided for UW academic programs.

In discussion at the board meeting, Regent Smith suggested that the Chippewa Valley Technical College proposal be considered at a meeting to which all regents would be invited.

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Charter School Authorizations: UW-Milwaukee

The committee considered proposals for authorization of two new charter schools by UW-Milwaukee. First was the Milwaukee Renaissance Academy – a high school. Provost Rita Cheng and Dr. Bob Kattman, director of the UW-Milwaukee Office of Charter Schools, presented the proposal. Also in attendance was Deanna Sing, lead founder of the academy, which would be UW-Milwaukee's tenth charter school. The school would build on concepts pioneered by Building Excellent Schools of Boston, Massachusetts, and KIPP, both acknowledged leaders in developing high achieving schools that address the needs of low-income urban students.

During committee discussion, Regent Loftus asked Chancellor Santiago about the relationship of charter schools to UW-Milwaukee's mission and to his priorities as

chancellor. Dr. Santiago replied that former Chancellor Nancy Zimpher had made education the cornerstone of UW-Milwaukee's highly regarded community engagement activities and that he is committed to continuing those efforts as part of the university's leadership role in the community.

Other questions related to budget requirements, private and public funding sources, the impact of charter schools on the Milwaukee Public School System, the research role of the university with respect to its charter schools, and the responsibility to use best practices developed in charter schools to benefit all of Milwaukee's school children. Other questions concerned the university's responsibility in conducting background checks of charter school personnel, efforts to achieve race/ethnic balance, and review by legal counsel and the Office of Academic Affairs.

Regent Spector stated his conviction that charter schools have a role to play in raising the level of success of Milwaukee's school children. Regent Cuene questioned the consideration of merit pay indicated in the proposal, and a motion to restrict the use of merit pay by the school failed.

The committee then discussed the Seeds of Health, Inc. Charter School. Seeds of Health, which successfully operates other charter schools in the Milwaukee area, has proposed converting an existing school to a UW-Milwaukee charter school, which would enable it to expand through eighth grade. Students then would have the option of attending one of the Seeds of Health high schools. It was indicated that the focus of Seeds of Health is on strong family involvement. Marsha Spector, executive director of Seeds of Health, and other staff were present and responded to questions. Regent Spector excused himself from the discussion and vote on this agenda item.

After discussion, the committee voted to recommend approval of both charter schools.

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Appointments to Natural Areas Preservation Council

It was noted that the council is a legislatively created body to advise the Department of Natural Resources' state natural areas program and that the Board of Regents has authority to appoint four representatives. At this time the request was to reappoint Dr. Dennis Yockers and Dr. Joy Zedler for two-year terms. Requests to appoint two other representatives would come later in the spring.

A resolution approving the reappointments was adopted by the committee for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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UW-La Crosse: Summary Report of Accreditation Review by the North Central Association Higher Learning Commission and Institutional Report on General Education

Provost Liz Hitch introduced Professor Carmen Wilson, accreditation study coordinator and chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee, who reported that the

Higher Learning Commission approved UW-La Crosse's request to offer a Doctorate of Physical Therapy with UW-Milwaukee and commended the university for the thoroughness of the self study.

The commission listed three areas requiring follow up: diversity, assessment, and general education. Because assessment and general education also were listed as concerns during the 1996 accreditation review, the committee requested that UW-La Crosse report in a year on progress on all three areas. UW-Stevens Point Chancellor Linda Bunnell and UW-Green Bay Provost Sue Hammersmith noted that general education also is an issue at their institutions. The Education Committee asked Senior Vice President Martin to report back further on this matter.

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UW-Stevens Point: Authorization to Recruit for Provost and Vice Chancellor

Noting that Virginia Helm, provost and vice chancellor, has announced her retirement, Regent Davis remarked that she has been an excellent academic leader who will be missed by colleagues throughout the system.

A resolution authorizing recruitment of a successor was approved for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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Consent Agenda

Regent Davis moved adoption by the board of Resolutions 9286-9288 as consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Regent Semenas and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

UW-Milwaukee: Program Authorization (Implementation) Ph.D. in Education Psychology

Resolution 9286: 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 Educational Psychology.

Approval of Appointments to Natural Areas Preservation Council

Resolution 9287: That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the reappointments of Dr. Dennis Yockers and Dr. Joy Zedler, for terms beginning January 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009, as University of Wisconsin

System representatives to the Natural Areas
Preservation Council.

UW-Stevens Point: Authorization to Recruit: Provost and Vice Chancellor

Resolution 9288: That, the President of the University of Wisconsin System be authorized to recruit for a Provost and Vice Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, at a salary within the Board of Regents salary range for university senior executive salary group one.

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Criteria for Approval of Wisconsin Technical College System Collegiate Transfer Programs

Adoption of the following resolution was moved by Regent Davis, seconded by Regent Crain, and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 9289: WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin System and the Wisconsin Technical College System have a long and productive history of working together to advance opportunities for post-secondary education for the citizens of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the two Systems have worked collaboratively and in good faith, as evidenced by the Committee on Baccalaureate Expansion (COBE), to increase the number of baccalaureate degree holders in Wisconsin and to enhance transfer opportunities between the two Systems; and

WHEREAS, through their collaboration, the two systems have recognized that improving the economic vitality of Wisconsin requires a partnership among the state's educational sectors as well as among government, business and industry, the non-profit sector and labor;

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents adopts the Criteria for Approval of Wisconsin Technical College System Collegiate Transfer Programs.

UW System Freshman Admissions Policy

Adoption of Resolution 9290 was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regents Crain and Semenas.

Resolution 9290: That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents adopts the attached UW System Freshman Admissions Policy as amended, replacing and hereby superseding Regent Policies 72-5 on Nonresident Undergraduate Quotas, 72-11 on the Freshman Admissions Policy, 86-5 on the Use of the American College Test, 87-8 on Traditional and Nontraditional Freshman Admissions Policy, and 97-4 on Competency Based Admissions.

Referring to an article in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, Regent Bradley stated his understanding that the proposed policy would not, as the article indicated, require all campuses to change the way they review applications and his understanding that, contrary to what was said in the article, the proposed policy would not violate state law. General Counsel Brady concurred that Regent Bradley's understandings were correct. The article further indicated, Regent Bradley continued, that only UW-Madison has been using this type of review process over the years. He asked if other UW universities also used such a process, and chancellors replied in the affirmative.

Regent Walsh emphasized the benefits of a diverse campus, not just in terms of race, but also in terms of such factors as veteran's status, athletic accomplishment and other attributes that provide a more diverse environment and a better educational experience for all students. Noting that businesses demand graduates who are prepared for a global workplace, he said that the purpose of diversity on campus is to benefit all students and that race is one of many factors contributing to such diversity.

President Reilly cited an article that appeared in the *New York Times* in 1999, written by former President Gerald Ford, at a time when the University of Michigan admissions policies were being challenged. He wrote that educational opportunities for his graduating class at the University of Michigan were diminished by the scarcity of African Americans, women, and various ethnic groups. "I've often wondered," he wrote, "how different the world might have been in the late 1940's, 50's and 60's, how much more humane and just, if my generation had experienced a more representative sampling of the American family. . . Already the global economy requires unprecedented grasp of diverse viewpoints and cultural traditions. I don't want future college students to suffer the cultural and social impoverishment that afflicted my generation."

The admission policy before the board, President Reilly said, is balanced, reasonable, and "allows us to continue to make progress toward that just and humane

society that President Ford envisioned. That is why I recommend it to you for your approval.”

After discussion concluded, the previous question was moved, seconded and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 9290 then was adopted on a unanimous roll-call vote, with Regents Walsh, Spector, Smith, Shields, Semenas, Rosenzweig, Randall, Pruitt, McPike, Loftus, Davis, Cuene, Crain, Connolly-Keesler, Bradley, and Bartell (16) voting in favor of the resolution. There were no dissenting votes and no abstentions.

Regent Davis stated that, as an African American woman and a graduate of UW-Oshkosh and UW-Madison, she commended the board for resisting the temptation to take the easy way out and remove the word “race” from the policy. “I couldn’t be prouder of this board,” she said, “for having the courage to do the right thing.”

UW-Milwaukee Charter School Contract Approval: Milwaukee Renaissance Academy

Adoption of the following resolution was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Rosenzweig:

Resolution 9291: 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 charter school contract to establish a charter school known as the Milwaukee Renaissance Academy.

Regent Loftus expressed concern about the amount of time the chancellor might need to devote to charter school issues, especially if problems arose, in view of the fact that he had not articulated chartering schools as a top priority. He also was concerned about the ability to adequately monitor the charter schools with a staff of only one and a half persons. Noting that the contracts were entered into on behalf of the board, he commented that chartering of schools either should be embraced as a new mission for UW-Milwaukee, in which case the board should review the contracts line by line, or the university should remove itself from the charter school business.

Expressing support for a wide range of schools in Milwaukee, Chancellor Santiago said that the existence of other priorities does not mean that K-12 education should take a secondary role, especially in view of the serious problems facing city schools. Noting that there is an oversight committee for the charter schools, he said that the small staff does an excellent job and that the quality of the schools does not suffer. Whether or not UW-Milwaukee should be in the chartering business, he noted, is a valid question that would be appropriate for the board to consider.

Regent Crain stated her interest in knowing how university operation of charter schools strengthens public education in Milwaukee. While she intended to vote in favor of the two charters before the board at this meeting, she looked forward to further discussion of the university’s role in this area.

Regent Cuene explained that she had voted against the resolution in committee because of the working conditions of faculty in terms of hours of work and because of the provision for merit pay based on student achievement.

Regent Loftus added that, while merit pay is not mentioned in the contract, it is set forth in other documentation. He had offered an amendment in committee to remove that provision, but the amendment failed.

Regent Loftus moved to amend the resolution to prohibit use of merit pay based on student achievement scores, and the motion was seconded by Regent Cuene who pointed out that merit pay of this type is not used in public K-12 schools.

Speaking in opposition to the amendment, Regent Spector noted that there are numerous definitions of merit pay. He felt that a broad prohibition would be premature without further analysis.

In response to a question by Regent Connolly-Keesler, Mr. Kattman said that there are a variety of methods of merit pay and that it is used in some charter schools, as well as some other schools. In the case of the UW-Milwaukee charter schools, he explained, the Board of Regents does not function as the school board, but as the authorizer. The charter schools have their own boards, and his office provides oversight.

The question was put on the amendment, and it failed on a voice vote.

Regent Rosenzweig observed that the most important question is whether charter schools add to or detract from quality education in Milwaukee. When the legislation authorizing charter schools was passed, she recalled, the Legislature determined that they would help to strengthen other schools by providing different models, the most successful of which could be replicated. Noting that Milwaukee is not unique and that problems in urban schools exist around the country, she observed that charter schools provide options for strengthening education and that it would be unfortunate to curtail them.

The question was put on Resolution 9291, and it was adopted on a voice vote.

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UW-Milwaukee Charter School Contract Approval: Seeds of Health Elementary School

Adoption of Resolution 9292 was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Shields:

Resolution 9292: 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 charter school contract to establish a charter school known as the Seeds of Health Elementary School.

Regent Davis reported that, in response to questions raised at the committee meeting, the Education Committee was advised that the strength of the school is 100%

parental engagement. The school, which currently operates through K-5, wants a charter in order to expand through eighth grade, as requested by parents.

Speaking in support of the resolution, Regent Shields pointed out that grades six through eight are a particularly volatile time for children. He believed that such charter schools fit with the UW's PK-16 vision of education and thanked Chancellor Santiago and Dr. Kattman for supporting educational efforts in the state's largest city.

Regent Crain added that there would be further discussion about charter schools and their impact on public schools as part of the PK-16 continuum.

Regent Rosenzweig agreed and suggested that regents arrange visits to the charter schools in order to learn more about them.

The question was put on Resolution 9292; and it was adopted on a voice vote, with Regent Spector abstaining from the vote.

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REPORT OF THE BUSINESS, FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Regent Pruitt, chair, presented the committee's report.

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Consideration of Salary Adjustment for a Senior Academic Leader to Address Recruitment and Retention Challenges for a Chancellor at UW-Stevens Point

Presenting his recommendation to the committee, President Reilly recalled that last February the board endorsed a new process for periodic review of individual chancellors' salaries to determine whether there is a need for adjustment to recognize competitive factors or to correct salary inequities. He noted that he had received numerous letters from the Stevens Point community and individual business leaders.

Regent Vice President Bradley commended Chancellor Bunnell on how well she has put regionalization into practice in north central Wisconsin and noted that she is a great asset to UW-Stevens Point and the UW System as a whole.

The committee approved a resolution supporting a salary adjustment for the UW-Stevens Point chancellor.

Adoption by the Board of Regents of the following resolution was moved by Regent Pruitt, seconded by Regent Rosenzweig, and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 9293: Whereas, pursuant to ss. 20.923(4g) and 36.09(1)(j), Wisconsin Statutes, the salaries of UW System senior academic leaders must be set within the salary ranges

established by the Board of Regents, and based upon a formula derived from the salaries paid by peer institutions to their academic leaders, and

Whereas in addition, section 36.09(1)(j), Wisconsin Statutes, authorizes the Board of Regents to increase chancellors' and other university senior academic leaders' salaries to address salary inequities or to recognize competitive factors in the periods between pay plan adjustments, and

Whereas at the February 2006 Board of Regents meeting the Business, Finance and Audit Committee endorsed the recommendation that the President of the UW System periodically perform a review and assessment of individual chancellors' salaries to determine whether there is a need for an adjustment to recognize competitive factors or correct salary inequities among senior academic leadership, as allowed by law, and

Whereas the Board of Regents affirms that leadership is critically important to the performance of our institutions and the students and citizens they serve and therefore places a high value on recruiting and retaining our outstanding senior academic leaders.

Now, therefore be it resolved;

That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the annual salary for Chancellor Bunnell be adjusted due to competitive market factors and equity reasons per the attached recommendation, effective February 9, 2007.

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Regent Rosenzweig reported on the following four agenda items.

Annual Financial Report

Presenting the UW System annual financial report, Ginger Hintz, Director of Financial Reporting, gave an analysis of financial performance, the statement of net assets, revenues, expenses, and auditor communication.

The committee noted the decline in expenditures for institutional support, or administration, from the previous year, with financial statements showing less than 5% of total operating expenditures were spent in this area. Also discussed were internal control issues raised by the Legislative Audit Bureau and revenue trend data.

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Trust Funds

Annual Trust Funds Report

Presenting the annual trust funds report, Assistant Trust Officer Doug Hoerr provided a summary that included asset market values, annual returns, gifts and disbursements made from the funds, and investment fees. The committee was informed that returns for the long-term, intermediate-term, and income funds all exceeded their benchmarks and that recent diversification of investments was beginning to pay off.

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Committee Business

Quarterly Gifts, Grants, and Contracts

Vice President Debbie Durcan informed the committee that total gifts, grants, and contracts for the six-month period ending December 31, 2006 were \$625 million. Federal awards increased by \$3.3 million, while non-federal awards increased by \$24.6 million.

Review of Committee Actions and Follow-Up Items

Vice President Durcan reviewed committee actions in response to questions about how the committee could be sure that board actions are achieving their desired results. A schedule for tracking follow-up action was presented, and the committee discussed the items that will come before it in 2007. Regent Connolly-Keesler indicated that she requested a similar tracking mechanism to ensure that audit recommendations are implemented at the campus level.

The remainder of the committee's report was presented by Regent Pruitt, chair.

Discussion of Committee Goals and Priorities

The committee discussed goals and expectations for the remainder of the year, as well as priorities for the following year. Included are follow-up items on earlier actions to ensure accountability and to review the impact of decisions involving issues like differential and non-resident tuition.

Vice President Durcan reviewed a document by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) that outlined key responsibilities of finance committees, including the responsibility to keep the board fully informed of the institution's financial condition. The committee discussed several types of financial information that could be provided to assist in meeting fiduciary responsibilities.

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Report of the Vice President

Introduction of New Audit Director

Vice President Durcan introduced Julie Gordon as the new director of the Office of Operations Review and Audit. Ms. Gordon came from the Legislative Audit Bureau, where her primary responsibilities included managing financial, compliance, and management audits related to higher education.

Governor's State of the State Address

Vice President Durcan reported that, in the State of the State Address, Governor Doyle announced his plan to invest an additional \$225 million in state funding for the UW, financial aid, and the Wisconsin Covenant. Of that amount, \$44 million would be for financial aid.

Required Spending Reduction

The committee was advised that the Secretary of the Department of Administration recently issued a memo that presented two steps required to reduce spending in the current year to fund cost overruns in four programs. These include savings from efficiency measures included in 2005 Wisconsin Act 25 and a two percent lapse for larger agencies. For the UW System, the amount of the required lapse would be \$2.9 million.

Minnesota/Wisconsin Reciprocity Agreement

Lynn Paulson, assistant vice president for budget and planning, provided an update on the reciprocity agreement that is negotiated for Wisconsin by the Higher Educational Aids Board. While the university has no direct role in making the agreement, it was noted that the issues raised by Minnesota are of considerable importance to Wisconsin families and will be monitored closely.

Utility Surplus

Vice President Durcan informed the committee that, as of December 31, 2006, there was an estimated utility surplus of more than \$9 million for the current fiscal year. However, the estimate was done before the onset of current bitterly cold weather.

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In discussion at the board meeting, Regent Loftus inquired about the status of an audit recommendation for more student involvement in the segregated fee process; and Regent Pruitt indicated that a report would be presented at the March meeting.

Regent Spector asked if there is a systematic process for reviewing policies and practices to identify those that may have become controversial or problematic over time.

President Reilly replied that the Business, Finance and Audit Committee works with the UW auditor and Regent Connolly-Keesler, as audit liaison, to develop a slate of suggested areas for review.

Regent Davis added that the Office of General Counsel has done a review of regent policies and that administrative policies are reviewed periodically as well.

Regent Connolly-Keesler indicated that an audit matrix was being developed to assist in checking implementation of recommendations.

Regent Loftus added that an independent auditor might still be a possibility in the future. Regent Pruitt indicated that there had been no further discussion of that idea.

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REPORT OF THE PHYSICAL PLANNING AND FUNDING COMMITTEE

Regent Shields presented the committee's report.

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UW-Madison: Authority to Lease Warehouse Space and Exercise Option to Purchase

The committee approved a resolution granting this request for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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UW-Oshkosh: Authority to Sell a Parcel of Land to the City of Oshkosh

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

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UW-River Falls: Authority to Exchange a Parcel of Land for a Future Building Site

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

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Authority to Construct Various Maintenance and Repair Projects

Projects in this request included elevator and fire alarm system replacements, heating plant improvements, and construction of a \$5 million utility corridor.

The committee approved these projects for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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Consent Agenda

Regent Shields moved adoption of Resolutions 9294-9297 by the Board of Regents as consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Regent Randall and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

UW-Madison: Authority to Lease Warehouse Space and Exercise and Option to Purchase

- Resolution 9294: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to:
- (a) enter into a ten-year lease agreement, including an option to purchase, with the Livesey Company, the owner/developer, for a 102,780 gross square feet (GSF) distribution, warehouse and office building on the 15-acre property at 1061 Thousand Oaks Trail in the city of Verona.
 - (b) exercise the option to purchase the newly constructed facility and associated land (10.6 acres) at 1061 Thousand Oaks Trail in the city of Verona upon completion of construction at a cost of \$7,000,000 existing program revenue bonding authority.
 - (c) have the option to enter into a ground lease or purchase from the Livesey Company, the owner/developer, for a 4.4 acre parcel adjacent to the property described in (a) above upon its approval within the city of Verona Urban Service Area.

UW-Oshkosh: Authority to Sell a Parcel of Land to the City of Oshkosh

Resolution 9295: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Oshkosh Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to sell approximately 5,228 square feet (less than 0.12 acre) of the 2.20-acre parcel on Wisconsin Street (State Trunk Highway 44), Oshkosh, Wisconsin to the city of Oshkosh for \$68,590.

UW-River Falls: Authority to Exchange a Parcel of Land for a Future Building Site

Resolution 9296: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-River Falls Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to exchange a 1.8-acre parcel of university-owned land at the UW-River Falls campus and \$350,000 Program Revenue-Cash for a 3.6-acre parcel of land owned by Northern Investments of La Crosse (dba Kwik Trip, Inc.)

UW System: Authority to Construct Various Maintenance and Repair Projects

Resolution 9297: That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to construct various maintenance and repair projects at an estimated total cost of \$7,804,600 (\$5,150,800 General Fund Supported Borrowing; \$1,223,400 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing; \$1,030,400 Program Revenue Cash; and \$400,000 Gifts and Grants Funding).

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UW-Whitewater: Authority to Provide Temporary Space

A request for authority to place a temporary prefabricated facility on the campus and then acquire or lease the facility was not recommended by the committee. UW-Whitewater will develop other alternatives.

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UW-Madison: Capital Investments in Student Life

The committee heard a panel of four students explain how capital investments are improving life for students at UW-Madison.

In response to a question at the board meeting by Regent Spector, Assistant Vice President David Miller said that the panel spoke about facilities, such as the new health services facility, that are having a positive impact on the student experience.

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Report of the Assistant Vice President

Building Commission Actions

Assistant Vice President Miller reported that the Building Commission approved about \$13 million for projects at their December 2006 and January 2007 meetings, including \$10.5 million in general fund supported borrowing, \$2 million in program revenue, and \$.5 million in gift and grant funds.

Design and Construction Awards

Mr. Miller informed the committee that Governor Doyle presented several 2006 design and construction awards, one of which was for Excellence in Architectural Design for the Reuter Residence Hall at UW-La Crosse.

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ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS

Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Madison

Regent President Walsh presented the following resolution, which was adopted by acclamation with an ovation in honor of UW-Madison.

Resolution 9289: **WHEREAS**, the University of Wisconsin-Madison makes a unique contribution to the UW System as a research-intensive institution, and the campus is committed to maintaining its reputation as an internationally recognized, first-rate research university; and

WHEREAS, the Board was pleased to learn more about the research mission of UW-Madison, which pervades every aspect of the educational experience for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students at the campus; and

WHEREAS, UW-Madison seeks to continually enrich the undergraduate learning experience by offering opportunities such as residential learning communities, hands-on laboratory research, service-learning courses in the community, and independent studies under the guidance of UW-Madison faculty; and

WHEREAS, Regents appreciated hearing from students about the investments that UW-Madison is making in student unions, recreational sports, student health facilities, and residence life;

WHEREAS, members of the Board were impressed in November with a campus program and an outstanding musical performance by the Philomusica String Ensemble of the UW-Madison School of Music; and

WHEREAS, UW-Madison is committed to maintaining excellence and efficiency through forward-thinking, strategic decisions about resource allocation; and during institutional reaccreditation over the next two years, will further examine how the campus can best invest resources to provide maximal benefits to the state;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System thanks UW-Madison for hosting the Board's February 2007 meeting, and commends Chancellor John Wiley and all the campus's faculty, staff and students for their accomplishments and contributions to Wisconsin.

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COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS

Regent Loftus noted the recent passing of Nelson Polsby, a renowned political scientist who had been a member of the UW-Madison faculty in the 1970's.

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Closed Session

At 11:45 a.m., the following resolution, moved by Regent Walsh and seconded by Regent Rosenzweig, was adopted on a unanimous roll-call vote, with Regents Bartell, Bradley, Connolly-Keesler, Crain, Cuene, Davis, Loftus, McPike, Pruitt, Randall, Rosenzweig, Semenas, Shields, Smith, Spector, and Walsh (16) voting in the affirmative. There were no negative votes and no abstentions.

Resolution 9299: Move into Closed Session to consider a Student Request for Regent Review of a UW-Milwaukee Decision, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(f), *Wis. Stats.*, to confer with legal counsel regarding pending or potential litigation, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(g), *Wis. Stats.*, to consider a Salary Adjustment for a Provost at UW-La Crosse, as permitted by s.19.85 (1)(c), *Wis. Stats.*, and to consider compensation adjustment for the UW-Madison head football coach, as permitted by s.19.85 (1)(c), *Wis. Stats.*

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During closed session, the board adopted the following resolutions.

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Approval of 2006-07 Salary/ Pay Plan Adjustment for UW-La Crosse Provost

Resolution 9300: Whereas, Elizabeth Hitch was serving as interim chancellor at the time the pay plan distribution for university senior executives was approved June 9, 2006 and

Whereas, Dr. Hitch returned to her duties as Provost at UW-La Crosse on February 1, 2007.

Now, therefore be it resolved;

That, upon the recommendation of the UW System President, the base salary for Elizabeth Hitch, be set at \$138,002 upon return to her Provost position effective February 1, 2007 and be increased to \$141,928 effective April 1, 2007, to reflect the phased 2006-07 pay plan for faculty and academic staff approved by the legislature's Joint Committee on Employment Relations.

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Request for Review of UW-Milwaukee Decision

Resolution 9301: That the Board of Regents adopts the attached Decision and Order in the matter of a request for review of a UW-Milwaukee student non-academic misconduct decision.

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Approval of Revised Contract for UW-Madison Head Football Coach

Resolution 9302: Whereas, the Board of Regents approved the initial contract with Bret. A. Bielema, Resolution 9119, December 29, 2005, and

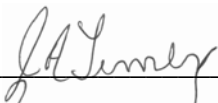
Whereas, the Board of Regents in that same resolution provided that in the event either party seeks to amend or request changes to the Contract, including extension(s), or the approval of additional compensation or benefits from whatever source, all terms and provisions of the Contract shall be subject to renegotiation and Board of Regents approval, and

Whereas, the Board of Regents has been presented a revision to said Contract,

Now therefore be it resolved, 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 does hereby approve said revised Contract, as attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted by:



Judith A. Temby, Secretary