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- President Bradley presiding -

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PRESENT: Regents Bartell, Bradley, Connolly-Keesler, Crain, Cuene,
Davis, Loftus, Pruitt, Rosenzweig, Shields, Smith, Thomas, and
Walsh

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regents Burmaster, Falbo, McPike, and Spector

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Approval of the Minutes of the October 4 and 5, 2007 Meetings of the Board

Upon motion by Regent Davis, seconded by Regent Bartell, the minutes of the October 4 and 5, 2007 meetings of the Board of Regents were approved as distributed.

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Leadership Academy

Regent President Bradley welcomed members of the UW-Extension and UW Colleges Leadership Academy and its coordinator Sue Buck, who were attending the meeting to learn about UW System governance and the Board of Regents.

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Recognition of Regent Emeritus Jesus Salas

Regent President Bradley recognized the contributions of Regent Emeritus Jesus Salas who had recently resigned from the board. Noting that he is a man of strong convictions, Regent Bradley remarked that, while many felt that Mr. Salas could have done more to address Latino concerns had he remained on the board, his decision to step down is deserving of respect.

Regent President Bradley thanked Regent Bartell for taking over as chair of the Physical Planning and Funding Committee to succeed Mr. Salas.

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The Growth Agenda, Accountability, and Advantage Wisconsin

Regent President Bradley noted that the Growth Agenda took root and grew because of the efforts of concerned and engaged citizens across the state. The result was a budget that, for the first time in a number of years, not only funds ongoing programs, but also provides an opportunity to expand educational access and job-producing research.

The Growth Agenda for Wisconsin, he remarked, encouraged business leaders, elected officials, students and others to embrace a bold vision for the future – a vision focused on higher-paying jobs, faster-growing businesses, and a richer quality of life.

Noting that those high aspirations carry equally high expectations, he stated: “My message to our stakeholders is that we are going to respond to those expectations with action, now that we have been adequately funded, and also with accountability.”

In that regard, he indicated that the UW System is nationally known for the Achieving Excellence annual accountability report, which, along with other public reports and communications, has placed the UW System in a leadership position in the area of accountability. These efforts will now be further enhanced by UW participation in the new national Voluntary System of Accountability.

This framework will give customers and investors an objective look at measurable performance on UW campuses. UW students and parents, he noted, deserve to know which institutions are delivering the best educational results; and elected officials, taxpayers, and private donors deserve to know whether the university is producing the expected return on their investment.

The Advantage Wisconsin Strategic Framework, Regent President Bradley continued, is the next step toward a prosperous future for the state. Indicating that this involves addressing big issues with bold ideas, he said that, for those bold ideas to work, they have to be developed and implemented collaboratively, with everyone involved understanding and valuing their stake in their public university system.

To that end, he met recently with Senate Majority Leader Russ Decker, and he and President Reilly met with Assembly Speaker Mike Huebsch. Both of them committed to meeting at least three times over the next few months so that they could be

kept apprised of Advantage Wisconsin progress and have the opportunity to provide their reactions and advice.

He also met with Senator Mark Miller, co-chair of the Joint Committee on Finance; Senator Jim Sullivan, co-chair of the Joint Audit Committee; and with Senator Julie Lassa, a member of the Joint Committee on Finance. In addition, he met with representatives of Senator Jauch, Senator Vinehout, Senator Kapanke, and Representative Rhoades, as well as with Representatives Shilling, Vruwink, and Seidel.

In the near future, he planned to meet with Representative Richards, Representative Stone, and Representative Hixon.

Reporting that Regents Pruitt, Spector, and Walsh also were meeting with legislators, Regent President Bradley indicated that there would be regent representation at an upcoming hearing on the Veterans' Tuition Remission program, with Regents Loftus, Walsh and Falbo providing legislative liaison on those issues.

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Senate Confirmation of Regent Colleene Thomas

Regent President Bradley congratulated Regent Thomas on her unanimous confirmation by the State Senate.

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SYSTEM

Endowment for Wisconsin Covenant

President Reilly reported that the preceding week he had joined Governor Doyle for the important announcement that the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation would donate \$40 million to endow the Covenant Foundation.

Introducing Richard George, President and CEO of Great Lakes, he indicated that Mr. George was formerly a partner in the Foley and Lardner law firm and also served as an Air Force officer. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation since 1984 and was elected chairman, president and chief executive officer in 1989.

Mr. George began his remarks by indicating that the Great Lakes companies are among the largest student loan service providers, with 950 employees across the country. The companies provide guarantees on behalf of the federal government and services for lenders.

In accordance with a congressional mandate, Great Lakes' net income is dedicated as a charity to promote postsecondary educational access. In that regard, the

Wisconsin Covenant is integral to the goal of sending the message to students that postsecondary education is something to which they should aspire and that the resources will be available to ensure that they are able to achieve their dreams.

It is Great Lakes' intention both to increase the visibility of that message, especially to low-income students, and to provide economic substance in order to allow students to reach their goals, regardless of financial circumstances.

Stating that initiatives like the Wisconsin Covenant are critical to the future success of Wisconsin's economy, he thanked the employees of Great Lakes for making the endowment possible, as well as all the schools that work with Great Lakes in providing financial aid to students.

President Reilly thanked Mr. George for his comments, noting that the university looks forward to a long and productive partnership.

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KnowHow2Go Initiative

President Reilly remarked that the KnowHow2Go campaign complements the Covenant's key themes – that college is possible and preparation is essential. The initiative will be launched on November 16th, with an announcement that the KnowHow2Go Wisconsin website is up and running.

The Wisconsin portion of this national campaign was being coordinated by Executive Senior Vice President Mash, with a steering group composed of staff from the UW System, the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the PK-12 sector and the office of the Wisconsin Covenant. Jill Hassenfelt, director of the Covenant office, was introduced by President Reilly.

The national KnowHow2Go campaign is aimed at middle school students, especially low income students and those who would be the first generation in their families to attend college. This group, President Reilly noted, is “precisely that wider and deeper cut of the population that we’ve been talking about attracting into the university more effectively.” The campaign is sponsored by the American Council on Education, the Lumina Foundation and the National Ad Council.

It was hoped that the November 16th launch would bring publicity to help people learn about the campaign as way to start planning for college.

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Northeast Wisconsin Learning Center

President Reilly commended UW-Oshkosh and UW-Green Bay on their partnership in the Northeast Wisconsin Learning Center, which offers classes and advising services for working adults in the Fox Cities area through the new Bachelor of Applied Studies programs at those two campuses. These BAS programs are the first of their kind in the UW System and part of the multi-pronged strategy to increase the number of people with bachelor's degrees around the state.

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Outreach Scholarship Conference

It was reported by President Reilly that more than 400 people, representing 82 institutions of higher learning, attended the annual Outreach Scholarship Conference, held in Madison the preceding month. Hosted and co-sponsored by UW-Extension and the UW Colleges, the national conference brings together experts from a wide variety of academic disciplines who share an interest in university/community engagement, public service, action research, and educational outreach.

A highlight of the conference was presentation for the first time of five regional W.K. Kellogg Foundation Awards for Excellence in Outreach and Engagement. Noting that he was pleased to have been one of the five judges, President Reilly said that one of the awards, the Peter McGrath Engagement Award, would be announced at the upcoming meeting of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

UW-Extension was one of the founding partners of the Outreach Scholarship Conference. Other sponsors include The Ohio State University, The Pennsylvania State University, the University of Georgia, North Carolina State University, the University of Alabama, and Michigan State University.

President Reilly congratulated Chancellor Wilson and his colleagues on another successful conference.

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Great Northwoods Service-Learning Conference

President Reilly reported that the UW-Extension office in Marathon County and the UW-Marathon County campus recently co-hosted the first Great Northwoods Service-Learning Conference. This collaboration between the UW Colleges and UW-Extension brought together 60 faculty and staff from both institutions to pool their experiences with service-learning programs and other community-based learning projects.

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Prestigious Invitation for UW-Superior Mock Trial Team

It was reported by President Reilly that the UW-Superior Mock Trial team had been invited to the prestigious Crimson Classic Mock Trial Invitational Tournament at Harvard University. In a competition with the 32 best mock trial teams from around the country, UW-Superior will compete against teams from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, California-Berkeley and others. He congratulated the UW-Superior team on this impressive accomplishment.

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Outstanding Achievement Award Won by UW-Platteville Provost Carol Sue Butts

President Reilly congratulated Provost Butts on winning the 2007 Outstanding Achievement Award presented by the Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership at its state conference in October.

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UW-Eau Claire Recognized as Top Producer of Fulbright Fellows

UW-Eau Claire was commended by President Reilly for receiving national acclaim as one of the top producers of Fulbright Fellows in the nation. The Fulbright program funds outstanding students to volunteer and do research abroad, equipping them to become leaders in a globally integrated environment.

Noting that the Fulbright process is extremely competitive, he remarked that the fact that three UW-Eau Claire students were awarded these venerable fellowships this year is a testament to the quality faculty and staff working with the applicants, as well as to the students' own accomplishments.

He congratulated Chancellor Levin-Stankevich and the students, faculty and staff for this impressive achievement.

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Grant Received by UW-Parkside Center for Community Partnerships

President Reilly reported that UW-Parkside's Center for Community Partnerships received a three-year \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to aid local organizations in improving their ability to provide social services. The grant funds the Kenosha-Racine Compassion Capital Fund Project, through which the university will help non-profit organizations operating on a limited budget to implement long-term directional changes that will better serve their clients.

He congratulated Chancellor Keating and his colleagues on winning this grant.

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UW-Madison Faculty Win Presidential Early Career Awards

President Reilly congratulated two promising young UW-Madison faculty members for winning Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers. Presented at a White House ceremony in Washington, the prestigious awards recognize junior researchers who have demonstrated exceptional potential and leadership.

Ahna Skop, assistant professor of genetics and medical genetics, was nominated by the National Science Foundation for innovative research into the molecular mechanisms in cell division. Dr. Skop also works as a mentor and advocate for the advancement of Native Americans in science.

Sterling Johnson, associate professor of medicine at the School of Medicine and Public Health and the William S. Middleton Veterans Administration Hospital, was nominated by the Department of Veterans Affairs in recognition of his work on neural disorders related to aging and brain damage.

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Committee to Review Allocable Segregated Fee Policies Status Report

President Reilly noted that this committee was formed by Regent President Bradley in August 2007 with a charge to look at three main issues:

- o Criteria for recognition of student organizations;
- o Issues regarding allocation of on-campus space for recognized organizations; and
- o Whether allocable segregated fees should be used to support the salaries of student organization employees.

He called on UW-Stevens Point Chancellor Linda Bunnell to provide a update on the committee's activities.

Chancellor Bunnell reported that the committee had met three times and produced a draft that was being circulated for campus comments. The committee will meet again to consider the comments received and make a report to President Reilly in December.

She thanked the committee members, Lori Berquam, Pat Brady, Anthony Dewees, Ray French, Alex Gallagher, Justin Glodowski, Regent Tom Shields, Andrew Soll, and Michael Viney for their hard work and also thanked Larry Rubin, Doug Hendrix and Tom Stafford for their efforts in providing support to the committee.

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Advantage Wisconsin Strategic Framework Update

In opening remarks, President Reilly reported that the UW System website now includes a direct link to the Advantage Wisconsin site, highlighting the importance of this project and of the intent to use the web as a means of informing and engaging the public in a two-way dialogue about this vision for the future. A survey also was being sent to three statewide business groups, and UW-Extension will be hosting listening sessions across the state to gather grassroots public input.

He then called on Executive Senior Vice President Don Mash for an update on the strategic framework process.

Noting that Advantage Wisconsin continues the momentum generated by the Growth Agenda, Dr. Mash said that the attempt is to create a system-level framework to maximize the impact of UW campus strategic plans.

In that regard, he remarked that the strategic framework activity is a strong vehicle for focusing on what the university hopes to do to impact the state's future. The purpose of the seven think tanks is to enrich each core strategy of the framework:

- Prepare Students
- More Graduates
- High-Paying Jobs
- Stronger Communities
- Resources
- Operational Excellence
- Collaborations

These strategies, he recalled, resulted from a number of conversations, including a chancellors' retreat the preceding spring, along with a presentation to the board by Dennis Jones, president, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems.

In addition to the think tanks, activities include input by many groups, including students, faculty, staff, business and community leaders, and political leaders. Working groups on tuition and financial aid and the role of the UW Colleges also are under way. Resource staff to the think tanks are meeting to coordinate and blend what the various teams are doing. In December and January, there would be two leadership retreats, with President Reilly, chancellors and the president's cabinet to review think tank ideas, along with other input, and bring the best ideas for an enriched strategic framework to the board in February.

The Advantage Wisconsin website states the sense of urgency to make changes needed for the sake of Wisconsin's future and provides a link to each of the core strategies and a link for providing feedback and input. Also included are links to reference materials and to information about listening sessions.

In discussion following the presentation, Regent Bartell inquired about participation by external members of the think tanks, and Dr. Mash replied that they have been active participants and have provided valuable perspectives.

President Reilly reported that, on November 27th, UW-Extension would facilitate conversations in all 72 counties about Advantage Wisconsin.

Regent Rosenzweig commented that presentations on core strategies at regent committee meetings are helpful and suggested that they be continued as a means of informing the board and providing a route for regent input.

In response to a question by Regent Walsh, President Reilly said that legislative leaders with whom he met seemed interested in Advantage Wisconsin and agreed to future meetings.

Regent President Bradley added that legislators are being made aware of what the UW is doing in Advantage Wisconsin and seemed interested in reacting to proposals that are developed, rather than sitting at the table with the think tank teams.

Regent Davis asked if the three meetings with legislative leaders would take place before the February board meeting, and President Reilly replied in the affirmative.

In response to a question by Regent Davis about marketing the Advantage Wisconsin website, Dr. Mash indicated that the site is being used by all the think tank teams and the campuses. External groups also are being made aware of it. Those who provide comment in the feedback area will be tracked by category.

Noting that there is considerable literature on the subjects included in the core strategies, Regent Loftus asked if surveys of the literature are being conducted.

Dr. Mash replied that resource staff have put together material that captures the main points of the literature, and President Reilly added that members of the think tanks also have expertise in the subject areas and are familiar with the literature.

Regent Loftus asked how trends, such as competition for students and the importance of research dollars, would be recognized in the process. Dr. Mash replied that the think tank teams on resources and high-paying jobs are addressing possible connections in these areas.

President Reilly remarked that one related issue with which the think tank teams are grappling is how more revenue from non-state sources shapes the university and how it should be directed.

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REPORT OF THE BUSINESS, FINANCE, AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Regent Smith, chair, presented the committee's report

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Trust Funds

Acceptance of Bequests over \$50,000

The committee approved, for inclusion in the consent agenda, a resolution accepting eight bequests for a total of almost \$4.5 million.

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UW Strategic Framework: Discussion on Resources and Operational Excellence

UW-Madison Vice Chancellor Darrell Bazzell, presented the committee with information on the first meeting of the think tank on operational excellence; and Associate Vice President Freda Harris summarized the first meeting of the think tank on resources.

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Committee Business

Quarterly Gifts, Grants, and Contracts Report

Vice President Durcan reported total awards of \$355.4 million for the quarter ending September 30, 2007 – a decrease of \$44.2 million from the preceding year. Federal awards were down \$48.6 million, while non-federal awards increased by \$4.4 million. Decreases of \$19.8 million in research and \$19.8 million in student aid were major contributors to the overall decline in federal dollars. The decrease in research awards resulted primarily from two large National Science Foundation grants received by UW-Madison last year but not this year. The decrease in financial aid is considered a timing issue that should resolve in the next quarter.

Quarterly Expenditures – Budget to Actual

Vice President Durcan presented a schedule of UW System expenditures through the first quarter of the current fiscal year, as well as current and prior year expenditures by institution for GPR/fee funds. Figures for both years were shown against the 2007 budget since final budget allocations by institution were not yet available for fiscal year 2008.

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Report of the Vice President

Update on Tuition and Financial Aid Working Group

An update on the work of the Tuition and Financial Aid Working Group was provided by Vice President Durcan, who reported that the group focused on the board's current statutory authority to set tuition and the belief that its authority needs to be expanded beyond differential tuition.

The group concluded that, while the doctoral and comprehensive institutions are much less costly than their peers, the UW Colleges are more expensive than theirs and not competitively priced. The members also discussed how the university might go about earmarking some increased tuition for financial aid and advised that a change in tuition and financial aid policy should be tied to the broad goals of the board and system. The working group's final meeting was scheduled for December 4th.

In discussion at the board meeting, Regent Loftus asked if there is a peer group of the UW Colleges for tuition purposes; and Vice President Durcan replied that they were compared to the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) college parallel programs and to community colleges in other states. Regent Loftus asked if those were also considered peers for pay-plan purposes, and Ms. Durcan replied in the negative.

President Reilly remarked that those are the closest peers available for tuition comparisons, and Regent Crain added that the committee's report will make that point as well.

Regent Cuene pointed out that setting of tuition for WTCS college transfer programs is guided by statute and cannot be changed.

Review of Biennial Pay Plan Process

Associate Vice President Al Crist provided a review of the 2007-09 biennial pay plan process for faculty, academic staff, limited appointees and classified staff.

Preliminary Fall 2007 Enrollments

Interim Associate Vice President Sharon Wilhelm presented preliminary enrollment information for fall 2007, which showed a growth of 1,800 resident enrollments and 1,200 non-resident enrollments. Enrollment reports by campus will be provided at the December meeting.

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Additional Items

Vice President Durcan recognized UW-Milwaukee for receiving a best practices award from the Central Association of College and University Business Officers for its program titled "Throwing out the Paper and keeping the Data". This new award program is designed to further the sharing of best practices among colleges and universities.

It was reported by Vice President Durcan that new limits on indirect cost reimbursement on Department of Defense grants were included in the final Pentagon spending bill.

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Trust Fund Forum

No speakers appeared at the annual Trust Fund Forum.

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Consent Agenda

Adoption of the following resolution as a consent agenda item was moved by Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Rosenzweig, and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

UW System Trust Funds Acceptance of Bequests

Resolution 9401: That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System and the Chancellors of the benefiting University of Wisconsin institutions, the

bequests detailed on the attached list be accepted for the purposes designated by the donors, or where unrestricted by the donors, by the benefiting institution, and that the Trust Officer or Assistant Trust Officers be authorized to sign receipts and do all things necessary to effect the transfers for the benefit of the University of Wisconsin.

Let it be herewith further resolved, that the President and Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellors of the benefiting University of Wisconsin institutions, and the Deans and Chairs of the benefiting Colleges and Departments, express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the donors and their families for their generosity and their devotion to the values and ideals represented by the University of Wisconsin System. These gifts will be used to sustain and further the quality and scholarship of the University and its students.

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REPORT OF THE PHYSICAL PLANNING AND FUNDING COMMITTEE

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

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Report of the Assistant Vice President

Building Commission Actions

Assistant Vice President David Miller reported that the Building Commission approved about \$10 million for projects at its October meeting, consisting of \$1.5 million in general fund supported borrowing, \$6 million in program revenue, and \$2.5 million in gift and grant funds.

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UW-Madison: Approval of Design Report and Authority to Construct Lot 36 Parking Ramp Expansion Project

The committee was advised that this project would replace parking lost to campus redevelopment projects, with no net gain in total parking spaces. The project would

construct 117 parking stalls on two additional floors of the ramp at a cost of \$2.1 million in program revenue from parking fees.

The committee passed a resolution approving the design report and granting the requested authority for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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UW-Madison: Approval of Design Report and Authority to Adjust Budget and Construct Biochemistry II Project

The committee was advised that the project included construction of a research tower and renovation or reconstruction in order to preserve three historic buildings on Henry Mall: The Agriculture Journalism building, constructed in 1906; the original Biochemistry building, including a John Steuart Curry mural, constructed in 1912; and the first Biochemistry addition, constructed in 1937. The character of Henry Mall will be preserved, and one of the last grand elm trees will be saved. The cost of the project is \$116.4 million in general fund supported borrowing, building trust funds, and gift funds.

The committee passed a resolution approving the design report and granting the requested authority for inclusion in the consent agenda.

In discussion at the board meeting, Regent Loftus asked if the Human Ecology Building was included in the Henry Mall project; and Assistant Vice President Miller replied in the negative.

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UW-Stevens Point: Authority to Expand the Campus Boundary and Purchase a Parcel of Land for Parking Purposes

The committee approved a resolution granting the requested authority for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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UW-Stevens Point: Authority to Accept a Gift of Land to Benefit the Schmeckle Reserve Nature Conservancy

The committee approved a resolution granting the requested authority for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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UW-Superior: Approval of Design Report and Authority to Adjust the Project Scope and Budget and Construct the Jim Dan Hill Library Renovation Project

The committee was informed that the \$7.8 million cost of the project includes more than \$3 million in gift funds, the first time a library building project has been funded with gifts.

A resolution approving the design report and granting the requested authority was passed by the committee for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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UW-Superior: Authority to Adjust the Project Scope and Budget of the Rothwell Student Center Project

It was noted that the project will be certified for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and that the fee portion of the project was approved by a student referendum.

The committee approved a resolution granting the requested authority for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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Consent Agenda

Adoption of the following resolutions as consent agenda items was moved by Regent Bartell, seconded by Regent Walsh and carried on a unanimous voice vote:

UW-Madison: Approval of the Design Report and Authority to Construct the Lot 36 Parking Ramp Expansion Project

Resolution 9402: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Design Report be approved and authority be granted to construct the Lot 36 Parking Ramp Expansion project, at an estimated total cost of \$2,150,388 Program Revenue Cash-Parking.

UW-Madison: Approval of the Design Report and Authority to Adjust the Budget and Construct the Biochemistry II Project

Resolution 9403: That, upon the recommendation of the of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Design Report be approved and authority be granted to: (a) increase the project budget by \$6,450,000 (\$950,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing-BioStar, \$2,500,000 Building

Trust Funds and \$3,000,000 Gift Funds) and (b) construct the Biochemistry II project at a total cost of \$116,450,000, (\$43,450,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing-BioStar, \$15,000,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing (Sterling Hall), \$2,500,000 Building Trust Funds, and \$55,500,000 Gift Funds).

UW-Stevens Point: Authority to Expand the Campus Boundary and Purchase a Parcel of Land for Parking Purposes

Resolution 9404: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Stevens Point Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to: (a) expand the campus boundary in five locations as shown on the attached map, and (b) purchase a 0.152-acre parcel of land and improvements located at 1940-1942 Briggs Street in the city of Stevens Point at an acquisition cost of \$98,450 using Program Revenue-Cash.

UW-Stevens Point: Authority to Accept a Gift of Land to Benefit the Schmeckle Reserve Nature Conservancy

Resolution 9405: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Stevens Point Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to accept a donation of two separate adjoining parcels of land approximately 6.63 acres in size to become a part of the university's Schmeckle Reserve Nature Conservancy.

UW-Superior: Approval of the Design Report and Authority to Adjust the Project Scope and Budget and Construct the Jim Dan Hill Library Renovation Project

Resolution 9406: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Superior Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Design Report be approved and authority be granted to: (a) increase the project scope and budget by \$1,531,400 (\$406,400 General Fund Supported Borrowing – UW Infrastructure and \$1,125,000 Gift Funds) and (b) construct the Jim Dan Hill Library Renovation project for a estimated total project cost of \$7,823,400 (\$4,292,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing, \$406,400 General Fund Supported Borrowing – UW Infrastructure, and \$3,125,000 Gift Funds).

UW-Superior: Authority to Adjust the Project Scope and Budget of the Rothwell Student Center Project

Resolution 9407: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Superior Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to increase the project scope and budget of the Rothwell Student Center project by \$2,704,500 (\$2,592,500 Program Revenue-Cash and \$112,000 Agency Funds) for an estimated total project cost of \$24,766,500 (\$208,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing–Jim Dan Hill Library, \$969,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing–New Academic Building, \$16,885,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing, \$2,704,500 Program Revenue-Cash, \$112,000 Agency Funds–Non GPR, and \$4,000,000 Gift and Grant Funds).

In response to a question by Regent Loftus, Associate Vice President Harris indicated that, under provisions of the recently adopted state budget, all segregated fees would be posted on university websites by the spring semester.

Regent Loftus asked if segregated fee amounts would on the websites for the Voluntary System of Accountability, and Vice President Martin replied that, while not part of the template, they could be provided as additional information. The template provides a cost calculator, which would include segregated fees and room and board costs, as well as tuition.

Regent President Bradley reported that he had attended the dedication ceremony for the Daniel Trainer College of Natural Resources Building at UW-Stevens Point, noting that Dr. Trainer, who served as dean of the college for many years, is internationally known and respected in the field of natural resources.

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REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

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UW System Strategic Framework: Discussion with Representatives of the “Prepare Students” Think Tank

The committee was joined for this discussion by Don Christian, dean of Arts and Sciences at UW-Eau Claire and chair of the think tank, as well as UW System Administration resource staff: Lisa Kornetsky, director of the Office of Professional and Instructional Development, and Rebecca Karoff, academic planner and Education Committee secretary.

Reporting that there was an excellent conversation among think tank personnel, regents, chancellors, and provosts, Regent Davis remarked that the committee was pleased to hear of the significant collaborations that are taking place and to learn that the think tank’s work is aligned with Education Committee priorities.

The committee will have a discussion with representatives of the think tank on collaborations in December.

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

Reporting on the presentation made to the committee on UW-Platteville’s reaccreditation process, Regent Davis congratulated the entire UW-Platteville community for an outstanding accreditation review. The university was granted an unconditional, ten-year accreditation.

The review process identified a number of important institutional strengths, including:

- The university’s student-centered approach;
- The commitment and enthusiasm of its faculty and staff;
- Its efforts to put continuous assessment and improvement into practice;
- The stability of its administrative leadership;
- Its strong system of shared governance;
- Its community partnerships, outreach activities and close connections to its region;
- Its international efforts; and
- Its plans for financial growth.

Also noted were UW-Platteville’s compressive collaborative engineering programs in the Fox Valley and in Rock County.

In response to the review, the university is moving forward with a comprehensive review of its general education program.

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Report of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Discussion of Education Committee Priorities and Routine Business

The committee reached consensus on a set of priorities for 2007-08 and on a plan to conduct routine business more efficiently.

In addition to charter schools and academic program planning, which had already been covered, priorities for this year include: Transfer issues in the UW System; alternative program delivery methods; the student experience; teacher education; graduate education; and strategic directions for diversity.

Routine business will be placed on a committee consent agenda.

Annual Program Planning and Review Report

Associate Vice President Ron Singer presented the 2007 report, including several recommended changes to the program approval process, most notably the recommendation that institutions come forward every five years with a campus academic plan. This plan would include specific information on planned academic program additions, modifications, consolidations and eliminations.

Such a plan could replace the need for each new academic program to be brought before the committee for approval and would allow the regents to redirect their attention to a more comprehensive view of each institution's academic program planning and array, as well as the alignment of that array to the institution's distinct mission and identity.

The committee concluded that, while members would still want to hear some individual program presentations, others could be incorporated into the more comprehensive campus plan. The plans would be nimble and dynamic, changing over time in response to student demand and state needs.

It was pointed out that the new process would allow earlier input by regents into program planning.

Senior Vice President Martin was asked to return in December with a list of campus academic programs in the pipeline, including what was approved over the past year and what is coming forward. This list is expected to help the committee evaluate which kinds of programs it might want to examine more closely and which ones could be brought forward as part a larger campus plan.

Update on UW Colleges Task Force

Senior Vice President Martin provided an update on the UW Colleges Task Force appointed by President Reilly

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Consent Agenda

Regent Davis moved adoption of the following resolution as a consent agenda item. The motion was seconded by Regent Crain and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

UW-Whitewater: Authorization to Recruit: Chancellor

Resolution 9408: That, the President of the University of Wisconsin System be authorized to recruit for a Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, at a salary within the Board of Regents salary range for university senior executive salary group three.

Regent President Bradley announced the appointment a Regent Committee for the UW-Whitewater Chancellor Search, consisting of Regent Davis, chair, Regent Rosenzweig, Regent Spector, and Regent Thomas.

He thanked Regent Davis for her leadership in this important search.

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CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m., at which time the following resolution, moved by Regent Pruitt and seconded by Regent Smith, was adopted on a unanimous roll-call vote, with Regents Bartell, Bradley, Connolly-Keesler, Crain, Cuene, Davis, Loftus, Pruitt, Rosenzweig, Shields, Smith, Thomas, and Walsh (13) voting in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes and no abstentions.

Resolution 9409: That the Board of Regents move into closed session to consider a request for review of a UW-Milwaukee personnel decision, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(c), *Wis. Stats.*; to confer with legal counsel regarding pending or potential litigation, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(g), *Wis. Stats.*; and to consider personal histories related to naming a facility at UW-Madison, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(f), *Wis. Stats.*

The following resolutions were adopted in closed session:

UW-Madison: Authority to Name the Synchrotron Radiation Center Housing Facility the “Bob Green Guest House”

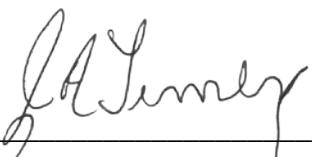
Resolution 9410: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to name the Synchrotron Radiation Center (SRC) housing facility, which is located at 2014 Greene Road, Stoughton, Wisconsin, the “Bob Green Guest House.”

Request for Review of UW-Milwaukee Personnel Decision

Resolution 9411: That the Board of Regents adopts the attached Decision and Order in the matter of a request for review of a personnel decision at UW-Milwaukee

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Submitted by:



Judith A. Temby, Secretary