

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

of the

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- President Bradley presiding -

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PRESENT: Regents Bartell, Bradley, Burmaster, Connolly-Keesler, Crain,  
Cuene, Drew, Falbo, Ongenorth, Pruitt, Smith, Thomas,  
Vásquez, Walsh, and Womack

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regents Davis, Loftus, and Spector

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**Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion by Regent Crain, seconded by Regent Cuene, the minutes of the June 5 and 6, 2008 meetings of the Board of Regents were approved as distributed.

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**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

**Thanks to Holden Weisman**

President Reilly thanked Holden Weisman, who had served for the past two years as a program assistant for the Office of the Board of Regents and the Office of General Counsel, for all the excellent work he had done on behalf of the Board; and he congratulated him on beginning graduate studies in September at the UW-Madison Robert La Follette School of Public Affairs.

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**Remarks by President of the Kern Family Foundation**

President Reilly introduced Mr. Jim Rahn, President of the Kern Family Foundation, of Waukesha, which leads and financially supports efforts to teach more science, technology, engineering and mathematics in Wisconsin's middle and high schools. These efforts, he remarked, also support the goals of the Growth Agenda for Wisconsin.

The Foundation is funding an innovative curriculum called Project Lead the Way, which is designed to help students build necessary skills for high-wage, high-tech 21st century careers. Over the summer, the Foundation partnered with 4-H in UW-Extension to offer Project Lead the Way Gateway Academies for middle school students. For the first time, students applying to UW campuses may have one or more of their Project Lead the Way courses count towards their three science units required for admission. Ten UW institutions had already agreed to count those courses and three others were in the final stages of their review process.

Noting that Wisconsin faces an important challenge in creating the needed brain trust in science, technology, engineering and math, President Reilly recalled that the UW System Engineering Task Force found a lack of students who are well enough prepared in these areas to succeed in that demanding field.

Thanks to the Kern Family Foundation's partnership with the UW, President Reilly said, more students will get the training they need to meet the challenges ahead with confidence and success.

Mr. Rahn began his remarks by noting that a great challenge for Robert Kern's company in Waukesha was finding the talent needed to meet the needs of world-wide customers. That led Mr. and Mrs. Kern to create the Foundation in order to help enlarge the pipeline of students trained in Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) disciplines.

The Foundation is thrilled by its partnership with the UW in Project Lead the Way, he stated, pointing out that the university is leading the country by offering admissions credit for these courses. In that regard, he expressed appreciation to President Reilly, Regent Davis, Regent Burmaster, and Chancellor Wilson for their leadership and support.

This year, the Foundation joined with 4-H to offer summer camps in a number of locations. These Gateway Academies encouraged many young people to develop an interest in STEM fields.

In conclusion, Mr. Rahn remarked that today's economic challenges are best faced by preparing young people in STEM disciplines, which will keep Wisconsin competitive in the global community.

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his many life achievements and for his service as Chancellor of UW-Parkside.

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

Regent Connolly-Keesler presented the Chancellor with a plaque containing the resolution, and President Reilly presented him with a UW System medallion.

Chancellor Keating expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to lead UW-Parkside for the past 10 years, during which time he had made thousands of friends and was privileged to serve a unique population of students.

He thanked the Regents for consistently valuing quality education and commended them for recognizing each campus as a unique entity, which is an important strength of the UW System. He thanked his wife, Pam, for her support; his fellow Chancellors for being respected colleagues who always try to find consensus; and his System colleagues for being there to help and not control. He urged maintenance of the sense of trust that allows campuses to be semi-autonomous, with oversight at the Board and System levels.

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**Resolution of Appreciation: Chancellor John Wiley**

In introductory remarks, Regent Walsh noted that John Wiley arrived at UW-Madison in 1964 and received his Ph.D in 1968, after which he went to work at Bell Labs. He returned in 1975 and joined the faculty. In 1989, he was appointed Dean of the Graduate School; then Provost; and then in 2001, he was named Chancellor.

During nearly 20 years of leadership on campus, Regent Walsh remarked, Chancellor Wiley had been very much a part of building the university, having raised \$757 million and presided over \$1.75 billion in new building projects. While the sciences benefited from such new facilities as the Microbial Science Building and the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery, the arts benefitted as well from the Chazen Museum and the School of Music, among other projects.

A leader in promoting the university's highly successful research mission, Chancellor Wiley has pointed out that, of 12,000 universities in the world, 4,000 of which are in the United States, 650 do research and 20 do 53% of that research. UW-Madison ranks in the top five every year. That UW-Madison is helping prepare Wisconsin for the new economy, with that ranking and 385 new businesses created from university research, is a message that the Chancellor takes to business, alumni and others.

A second message that he conveys is that those states with higher per capita incomes have more tax revenues and more degree holders – the basis of the Growth Agenda for Wisconsin.

Noting that, as part of his legacy, John Wiley will continue that dialogue, along with a broader discussion of the future of higher education in Wisconsin, Regent Walsh presented the following resolution.

- Resolution 9527:           **WHEREAS**, John D. Wiley served as the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 2001 to 2008, a culmination of more than 30 years of service at the institution; and
- WHEREAS**, he worked to keep the university accessible and affordable, advocating for additional need-based scholarships and establishing a number of transfer programs to provide more avenues for students to access a UW-Madison education; and
- WHEREAS**, John has steadfastly supported and expanded research efforts that helped to sustain UW-Madison's reputation as a world-class institution, including the creation of the Wisconsin Institutes of Discovery and the Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center; and
- WHEREAS**, John led in the creation of a master plan to guide campus facilities and infrastructure for the coming decades and oversaw a period of tremendous growth, such as the opening of a new Health Sciences Learning Center, the West Campus Cogeneration Facility, the Microbial Sciences Building, and the revitalization of the southeast campus region; and
- WHEREAS**, through his leadership in the creation of the East Campus Mall, the development of an arts and humanities district, and his support for arts programs including the Chazen Museum of Art, John has been an unwavering advocate for the arts on the UW-Madison campus; and
- WHEREAS**, under John's guidance, UW-Madison has forged vital partnerships, such as the Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future and the historic transfer agreement with the College of the Menominee Nation, and has maintained mutually beneficial relationships with the state's business community; and
- WHEREAS**, he worked tirelessly to develop additional sources of philanthropic support for the university,



including spearheading a successful \$1.5 billion Create the Future capital campaign and encouraging numerous substantial private donations;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby offer thanks and commendation to John Wiley for his many life achievements and for his service as Chancellor of UW-Madison.

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

Regent Walsh presented the Chancellor with the resolution mounted on a plaque, and President Reilly presented him with a UW System medallion.

Chancellor Wiley began his remarks by expressing agreement with Chancellor Keating's commendation of the UW System, stating that it is the best system of higher education in the country.

He cited the issue of who should pay for a bachelor's degree as one that warrants ongoing serious attention. In that regard, he noted that, while the degree is worth half a million dollars to the holder, it also is worth a considerable amount to the state in terms in increased tax revenues and reduced impacts on health costs and the prison system, among other impacts.

In Wisconsin, the cost burden has shifted. While the state used to pay two-thirds and the student one-third, the proportion is now about half and half. Although he did not know the answer to what the student and state shares should be, he did know that it was the right question to ask. The private school model, he emphasized, cannot educate the number of students that Wisconsin needs to educate.

In conclusion, he remarked that it had been a great honor to have served as Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

President Reilly commended Chancellor Wiley and Chancellor Keating for having led with integrity and intelligence. Their positive influence, he said, would continue to be felt in the decades ahead.

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### **Wisconsin Technical College System Board Report**

A written report was provided.

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### **Biennial Budget Request and Meetings with Governor and Legislators**

Regent President Bradley commended President Reilly, his staff, and the chancellors for presenting a biennial budget proposal that is in accord with the Board's goals as expressed in the Growth Agenda for Wisconsin.

In recent weeks, Regent President Bradley, Regent Vice President Pruitt and President Reilly had met with the Governor and his staff to give them an advance briefing on the budget request. It was received with understanding but also with recognition of difficulties in terms of revenue on the part of the state. They also met with legislative leadership from both parties, who also appreciated the briefing and the goals of the proposed request. Those meetings included Representatives Mike Huebsch and Steve Nass and Senator Scott Fitzgerald on the Republican side, and Senators Russ Decker, Mark Miller and Kathleen Vinehout, and Representative Jennifer Shilling on the Democratic side.

Chancellors Telfer and Gow hosted Representative Nass on their campuses; and Regent Opgenorth had been meeting with candidates from his district. In addition, Regent President Bradley planned to meet with State Auditor Jan Mueller later in the day.

Indicating that the meetings had been very constructive, Regent President Bradley noted that many questions were asked and answered, and that the importance of continued state investment to meet shared state goals was explained.

In September, Regent President Bradley, President Reilly, and Kris Andrews planned to travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with the Wisconsin congressional delegation, to continue a dialogue about common goals and funding.

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### **Discussion of Issues at November Meeting**

Regent President Bradley noted that the Board's calendar included a one-day meeting in November to devote to in-depth discussion to important and complex issues, without pressure to take any action at that time. He proposed looking at the following two issues:

- The "graying" of faculty and staff. Noting that this presents a great challenge, he reported that over half of the faculty are age 50 and older and over one-third are 55 and older. Their pending retirements will have a considerable impact on educational quality and student access.
- Professional doctorates, requests for which have been increasing and sometimes required by accrediting bodies. Examples of these degrees, which do not include the research focus and dissertation requirements of traditional Ph.D's, are doctorates in pharmacy, audiology, and physical therapy. More proposals are anticipated in the future.

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## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SYSTEM**

### **Legislative Council Special Committee on Building Wisconsin's Workforce**

President Reilly noted that he and other UW colleagues had testified earlier in the week before the Special Committee on Building Wisconsin's Workforce, which also is a goal of the UW System and is integral to the basic principles of the Growth Agenda for Wisconsin.

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### **Public Accountability Reporting**

President Reilly reported that he recently collaborated with President Emeritus Katharine Lyall on an editorial that had run in several state newspapers, addressing the UW System's longstanding leadership position in public accountability reporting that provides students, lawmakers, and taxpayers the information necessary to evaluate the return they receive on their educational investments.

Noting that the UW was the first higher education system to provide such a report, having done so since 1993, President Reilly indicated that it now is being revised to better align with the goals and action steps of the Growth Agenda for Wisconsin.

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### **Meetings with Student Government Leaders**

President Reilly reported that, along with Regent Thomas and Regent Opgenorth, he had met with student government leaders from across the UW System. Stating that he appreciates their great work, he added that he looked forward to continuing to work with them in the times ahead.

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### **Recognition of Associate Vice President Ron Singer**

President Reilly expressed appreciation to Ron Singer, Associate Vice President for Academic and Student Services, who would soon retire after 35 years of service to the UW System, first at UW-Parkside as a faculty member and academic leader and then for seven years with the UW System Administration. His expertise and many contributions will be much missed.

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### **2008 Regents Academic Staff Excellence Awards**

Regent Connolly-Keesler, chair of the Regent Committee that selected the award recipients, began her remarks by indicating that, with these awards, the Board recognizes the dedicated work, vital services and outstanding contributions of the UW System's

academic staff. Each recipient receives a \$5,000 stipend to support their professional development or other activities to enhance a university program or function.

Nominations were submitted by the UW institutions, and the winners were selected by a Regent Committee composed of Regent Connolly-Keesler, Regent Davis, Regent Smith, Regent Vasquez, and Regent Womack.

The committee used the following criteria in making its selections:

- Excellence of performance: performance that consistently and substantially exceeds in quality the expectations for the position, has set superior standards of excellence, and has resulted in important and significant contributions to the department and institution.
- Personal interaction: Performance that consistently and substantially demonstrates ability and willingness to work positively and effectively with others.
- Initiative and creativity: Performance that consistently and substantially demonstrates an innovative approach to the job.
- Outstanding achievement: Performance that consistently and substantially has resulted in important and significant contributions to the departmental unit and the university, and has resulted in distinction in the profession – campus-wide, system-wide, statewide, nationally or internationally.

Stating that the committee was impressed by the quality and achievements of all of the nominees, Regent Connolly-Keesler remarked that they represent the great accomplishments and commitment of academic staff across the UW System and that they should take pride in their nominations, which acknowledge the value their institutions place on their many contributions to the UW System.

***Janie Spencer, Executive Director of the UW-La Crosse Alumni Association***

Presenting the award to Ms. Spencer, Regent Smith indicated that she had been integral to the growth and development of the UW-La Crosse Alumni Association over the past ten years. A graduate of UW-La Crosse, she became executive director of the Alumni Association in 1998.

Since that time, she has increased Alumni Association membership by over 400% and has overseen the creation of a number of programs, including the Alumni Travel Program and the Alumni Ambassador Program. She also served on a number of committees, including the Multicultural Recruitment Committee and the Affirmative Action and Diversity Council.

Through her leadership, the first multicultural alumni advisory board was formed. She also brought structure and prominence to the annual Multicultural Alumni Award, which is part of the Distinguished Alumni Awards program and worked hard to bring

diversity to the Alumni and Foundation boards, while reaching out to multicultural and diverse students at UW-La Crosse as well.

A leader in the community as well as on campus, Ms. Spencer has served as President of the Rotary International, Director of the Children's Miracle Network, and as a member of Big Brothers, Big Sisters and the Greater La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce.

Among her many achievements as Executive Director of the Alumni Association are:

- Increased membership revenue by 400% and Alumni Association assets by 75%;
- Recruited an enthusiastic, 34-member Board of Directors to advise the Association;
- Established a volunteer committee to assist with recruitment of members, marketing, and member benefits;
- Developed new partnerships with Go Next for an alumni travel program, American Insurance Administrators for short-term medical insurance, and Liberty Mutual Insurance for auto and home insurance;
- Engaged alumni and students in the life of the university through association-sponsored programs and events;
- Created new alumni clubs in places such as Tokyo and Taipei, as well as in programs, such as ROTC, Residence Life staff, Theatre Alumni, and Silver Eagles.

Ms. Spencer has been the recipient of a number of awards, including the Multicultural Alumni Award, the Graff Distinguished Alumni Award, the Rada Distinguished Alumni Award and the Athletic Wall of Fame Award.

Thanking the Board and UW System for the award, Ms. Spencer recalled that, in taking the position with the Alumni Association, it had been her intention to make a positive difference for UW-La Crosse.

The Alumni Association, she remarked, creates lifetime connections to UW-La Crosse, which needs its alumni and their involvement more than ever. Among their contributions are the following:

- They volunteer for boards and committees.
- They provide internships and job opportunities for students.
- They support the Centennial Campaign.
- They help to recruit the best students; and
- They serve as ambassadors for UW-La Crosse.

As to those who had been of critical importance in her career development, Ms. Spencer thanked the Alumni Association Board of Directors, who she described as an “all-star cast of loyal, committed alumni who give not only their time and talent, but also their treasure to the institution. This special group of volunteers has mentored me, supported me, challenged me, and taught me more than I could ever have imagined.” She also thanked her colleagues at the Cleary Center – the Advancement Division, composed of the Alumni Association, the Foundation and University Relations – all of whom work very hard to advance the institution; and her family and friends, all of whom had been very supportive.

In conclusion, Ms. Spencer said that it was an honor to accept the award on behalf of the board and staff who work so hard to make UW-La Crosse a great place for students and alumni.

***Kathleen Kelly Shanovich, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at UW-Hospital and the UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health***

In remarks before presenting the award, Regent Womack began with a quote by John Wooden that a person “can’t live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.”

That philosophy, she noted, applies to Ms. Shanovich, who is a “talented, creative and energetic nurse practitioner who has worked tirelessly to enrich the lives of underserved children with asthma and to promote optimal care of childhood asthma in Madison and throughout the state.”

In that regard, she established a teaching program for children with asthma and their families – greatly improving on a program that formerly was fragmented and inconsistent. More than 40 children have benefited from this program so far, with many more to do so in the future.

Ms. Shanovich also runs a research project to investigate the effectiveness of a computer-based educational program for low-income children with asthma and helps to recruit subjects for other asthma-related research studies at UW-Madison.

In summary, she is recognized as an outstanding clinician and children’s advocate who has had a significant positive impact on the care of children with allergic diseases and asthma. When she first joined the program in 2002, she saw the need to make changes to the clinic to improve the experience of a visit for children and families. To make the atmosphere more comfortable for children, she updated clinic rooms and art work to make them child-friendly, with toys available for the children. She wrote and continues to update educational materials to provide current information in a patient-friendly format.

Under Ms. Shanovich’s direction, innovative programs were developed to screen underserved populations for undiagnosed asthma and to improve the quality of emergency department asthma treatment. School-based programs have screened about 400 underserved children for asthma in the past year.

In conclusion, Regent Womack noted Ms. Shanovich's personal philosophy is to "choose to make a difference" and to value "thinking outside the box".

Expressing appreciation for the award, Ms. Shanovich, recalled that her journey in caring for culturally diverse families with asthma brought her from a position as a school nurse at Midvale Elementary School in Madison to the University of Wisconsin as a nurse practitioner, caring for children and families through the Pediatric Allergy Program and as an asthma researcher in the Department of Industrial Engineering.

In her role at the UW, she continued her close ties to the Madison Public Schools, with the support of Freddi Adelson, Health Services Coordinator for the school district, and recognized the importance helping both children and adults with asthma in Dane County. Through the Dane County Asthma Coalition, which she founded and co-chaired with Sally Zirbel-Donisch, an emergency department asthma treatment program was established at all four hospitals in Dane county.

She also coordinated asthma screenings of children at the Dane County Neighborhood Child Health Clinics, resulting in an increase in identification of asthma from under 4% prior to the screenings to 10% since the screenings began. She hoped to meet the needs of these under-insured children by establishing asthma clinics at UW Hospital, with ongoing case management by school nurses in the Madison Metropolitan School District. Funding for the clinics will be provided in part by grants from the Madison Rotary Foundation and Epic Systems. Salary and personnel support from the American Family Children's Hospital, the Department of Pediatrics, and the National Institutes of Health also made implementation of these programs possible.

Thanking her family, colleagues and friends for their support, she recognized especially her husband, Ron, and children Patrick, Ryan and Kate for their support; her physician mentors and teachers, Jim Gern, Rob Lemanski and David Gustafson; her mother, Lucille, and her sisters, Pat, Mary and Janie; her nursing peers; the Childhood Origins of Asthma research staff; members of the Dane County Asthma Coalition; and all the children and their families in Madison and Milwaukee who had taught her so much about the profession of nursing.

### ***UW-Extension Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program***

Presenting the first Regent's Academic Staff Excellence Award for a program, Regent Vasquez indicated that the Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) is a major educational effort within Cooperative Extension, composed of two federally funded nutrition education programs for low-income residents – the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program and the Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program. WNEP provides community-based nutrition education programs in 64 Wisconsin counties, through partnerships among federal, state, and county governments, as well as more than 750 local community agencies.

More than 150 academic staff employees provide nutrition education programming to limited-income families, children and adults. Three-quarters of these

colleagues, who use the title of nutrition educator, work out of county Extension offices to present workshops, lessons, home visits and educational programs on a wide variety of nutrition, food safety and food budgeting topics.

For more than 20 years WNEP advanced the Wisconsin Idea by providing such education. During the past five years, WNEP colleagues have achieved more than 317,000 educational contacts per year, helping individuals and families change their behaviors and improve their nutritional well-being. Twenty-five percent of the program participants were parents of infants or children; 51% were school-age children; 11% were older adults; 6% were adults without children, and 7% were preschool children. Learners are taught in school classrooms, after school programs, Women, Infants, and Children Program clinics, family resource centers, senior dining sites, food pantries and other free meal sites.

WNEP works with diverse learners in urban, suburban and rural areas. Twenty WNEP educators are bilingual and offer classes in either Spanish or Hmong. One-fifth of the educators are from racially and/or ethnically diverse backgrounds. Because the educators live in the communities in which they work, there is a high level of trust between them and the neighbors they teach.

WNEP has received state and national recognition for teaching and program excellence, having been selected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service to provide national direction on program management documentation of impacts and curriculum development.

With rapidly rising costs of food, the academic staff in this program play an active and critical role in building community capacity to address hunger and food insecurity. In short, WNEP makes a positive difference in the lives of its participants and, by extension, in the quality of life in their communities.

Regent Vasquez then introduced Beverly Phillips, State Coordinator for the WNEP, to receive the Academic Staff Excellence Award on behalf of the program.

Ms. Phillips began her remarks by thanking the Board, on behalf more than 150 WNEP colleagues, for the honor represented by the award. The program, she said, provides knowledge and skills that enhance the quality of life for limited-resource families, youth and adults in 64 of Wisconsin's 72 counties. For example, 86% of learners in six urban counties who participated in a series of nutrition education lessons indicated that they improved their daily diets as a direct result of what they learned.

In 2006-07, WNEP's community-based nutrition educators made more than 317,000 contacts with individuals and families. The program is successful because of the trust-based relationships created within communities by academic staff who have deep understanding of and respect for cultural differences.

She then introduced several of those educators, including:

- Kazoua Moua, a nutrition educator in Dane County, representing 120 nutrition educators who do such work as teaching hand washing to preschoolers, teaching fifth graders about fruits and vegetables, talking to men at a job training center



about the importance of whole grains, and teaching safe food handling to senior adults --“sometimes all in the same day.”.

- Tonya Evans, Nutrition Program Coordinator for Racine and Kenosha counties, representing about 40 county coordinators who lead the local county-based programs.
- Shelly King-Curry, Nutrition Program Specialist, representing the state-based specialists who support the work of colleagues around the state;
- Laurie Boyce, Family Living Program Director; Yvonne Horton, Cooperative Extension Associate Dean and Associate Director; and Richard Klemme, Cooperative Extension Interim Dean and Director.

An important strength of the program, Ms. Phillips said, is the research-based network through which educators draw upon the expertise of specialists to inform their teaching with the most current possible information.

In conclusion, Ms. Phillips said: “As we continue to reach more learners, develop our teaching and outreach skills, and strive to meet the nutrition education needs of our growing minority populations in Wisconsin, we will carry in our hearts the pride of receiving this prestigious award.”

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### **UW System Administration Mission Statement**

President Reilly noted that the mission of the UW System and the role of the Board of Regents are set forth in the statutes, in addition to which each UW institution has its own select mission. The goal of the UW System Administration is to add value to all of those statements.

Over the past year or two, a great deal of thought had been put into codifying the core mission of the central UW System office to reflect the recent strategic planning process that created the Growth Agenda framework and Action Steps. The proposed statement had initially been brought to the Board in September 2007, after which it was decided to wait for completion of the strategic planning process before finalizing the mission statement.

The statement was developed in consultation with a number of key constituencies, including UW System Administration staff, the President’s Cabinet, Chancellors and Provosts from all 15 institutions, faculty representatives and academic staff representatives from all institutions, as well as Regent leadership.

The proposed System Administration mission began with the following statement: “With the Board of Regents, the UW System Administration leads and serves the UW System institutions, as a champion of higher education and a responsible steward of resources.” The statement then outlined functions undertaken to achieve that goal.

The mission statement also is instrumental to the vision for the UW System articulated by President Reilly in 2004: “The University of Wisconsin System will be

Wisconsin's premier developer of advanced human potential, of the jobs that employ that potential, and of the communities that sustain it.

Upon motion by Regent Crain, seconded by Regent Falbo, the UW System Administration mission statement was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

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### **Update on Growth Agenda Action Steps**

Highlighting progress on a number of Growth Agenda Action Steps, Senior Vice President Rebecca Martin spoke first about Step #4: Inclusive Excellence. Indicating that a final report on Plan 2008 was expected at the March 2009 meeting, she said that next steps were being framed in terms of how best to integrate excellence, equity and diversity into the core of all UW institutions. These steps would build on the goals established in Plan 2008, expanding the definition of diversity to be more inclusive of difference, including LGBTQ people, people with disabilities, and others while maintaining a focus on core issues of race and ethnicity. Campus conversations would inform development of this agenda over the next six months.

With regard to Action Step #6, New Pathways Degrees, Dr. Martin reported that work on this step would be incorporated into planning-year activities supported by the Making Opportunity Affordable (MOA) grant from the Lumina Foundation. A proposal was under development in collaboration with the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Department of Public Instruction, the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and the Governor's Office.

Initial activities would include:

- An inventory and assessment of existing campus programs for adult learners.
- Focus groups with students, admissions directors, student affairs officers, provosts, registrars, and others to identify policy barriers that inhibit college degree attainment.

The proposal for a four-year project with MOA funding would target populations of opportunity, including adults, people of color, and veterans. Areas under consideration were expected to include prior learning assessment, credit repository, and online programs.

For comments on Step #9, Operational Excellence, Dr. Martin turned to Regent Brent Smith, chair of the Business and Finance and Audit Committee, which had heard a report on progress in this area at its meeting the preceding day.

Regent Smith reported that the committee received an update on activities of the Operational Excellence Working Group, which has developed plans, based on the Administrative Process Redesign project currently under way at UW-Madison, for a series of evaluation projects employing the principles of Lean Manufacturing. These

principles concentrate on speed, efficiency, and eliminating waste, which Lean defines as non-value added activities.

The first three processes to be considered would be the procurement card process, non-payroll payments for services made to individuals, and the travel expense reimbursement process. The procurement card process was under way at UW-Platteville, UW-Oshkosh, UW-River Falls, and UW-Superior. The results of the evaluation would be shared with all UW institutions as a way of sharing best practices and encouraging more streamlined, simplified, and standardized processes across the UW System.

The Working Group also suggested making more use of faculty and staff who present at outside conferences by bringing that expertise to colleagues through a UW System-funded presentation program and establishing a UW System Innovation/Efficiency Award Program, which would offer incentives for staff to prepare proposals for professional organization awards by providing modest incentive funding.

The committee also heard from representatives of UW-Madison and UW-Oshkosh about activities on their campuses.

In conclusion, Regent Smith observed that there appeared to be much momentum across the UW System for changing and improving practices to make them more efficient.

Dr. Martin thanked the provosts for their leadership in moving the Growth Agenda Action Steps forward.

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### **UW-Whitewater Student Chosen for 2008 Paralympics**

President Reilly congratulated UW-Whitewater senior Matt Scott on having been chosen to be a member of the U.S. National Wheelchair Basketball Team that would compete in the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing, China. Mr. Scott was nominated for a 2008 Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly Award for Best Male Athlete with a Disability. Earlier this year, he starred in Nike's "No Excuses" TV commercial.

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### **UW-Eau Claire Women's Softball Team wins NCAA Division III Championship**

President Reilly congratulated the UW-Eau Claire women's softball team for winning the NCAA Division III championship with a come-from-behind victory over UW-Whitewater. This was the seventh team title in UW-Eau Claire's athletics history and the second since joining the NCAA.

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### **Green Energy at UW-Stevens Point**

President Reilly reported that UW-Stevens Point residence halls now use 53% green energy from renewable sources. The university had been purchasing WPS NatureWise green energy, a program offering green renewable electricity from a mixture of local wind turbines that use waste bio-gas from landfills and farms. UW-Stevens Point is the largest purchaser of renewable energy of all the UW campuses, bringing it closer to being completely dependent on renewable energy resources by its target date of 2012.

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### **UW-Stout Visioning Session**

It was reported by President Reilly that UW-Stout recently held its 2008 Visioning Session to begin work on setting new institutional goals. Eighty-five members of the public offered suggestions to be considered in the university's strategic planning process. The last Visioning Session, held in 2001, led to goals that were included in Stout's FOCUS 2010 plan. This session will help to lay out a series of goals to be accomplished by the year 2015. This, the President noted, is one of many examples of UW institutions engaging in meaningful dialogues with Wisconsin communities.

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### **UW-Manitowoc Agreement with Silver Lake College and Mount Mary College**

President Reilly reported that UW-Manitowoc addressed the needs of its community and students in signing an agreement with Silver Lake College and Mount Mary College to ease the transfer process for students. Students with an associate degree from UW-Manitowoc and at least a 2.0 grade point average will be eligible to fully transfer their credits for admission to the two private four-year colleges.

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### **UW-Green Bay Phuture Phoenix Program**

It was reported by President Reilly that the Phuture Phoenix Program, which former Chancellor Bruce Shepard and his wife, Cyndie, helped to establish in Green Bay, has seen exciting growth this summer. Local philanthropist Irene Daniell Kress made the first leadership gift in a generous amount toward the \$5-million scholarship fund for the program. Her gift will help to jump-start an ongoing endowment fund to award scholarships to participants in the program who intend to enroll at UW-Green Bay. There are also five other endowed scholarships earmarked for the program.

The growth of the Phuture Phoenix Program and others, the President remarked, bode well for achieving the Growth Agenda Action Step of creating a KnowHow2Go Network and doubling the amount of private need-based financial aid in the UW System.

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### **UW-Oshkosh Faculty Study Chinese Business Education**

President Reilly thanked 15 current and retired UW-Oshkosh faculty members who traveled to China for two weeks earlier in the summer to learn more about Chinese business education and practice. They visited a number of businesses and two universities in Shanghai to learn first-hand about issues facing the Chinese educational system.

UW-Oshkosh's College of Business hoped to pursue a cooperative agreement with Shanghai's Hangzhou Foreign Language School to guarantee admittance of five students per year to UW-Oshkosh's business program.

In today's global economy, the President remarked, it is increasingly important to reach out across the globe, especially to large, emerging economies in Asia.

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### **Regent History: Helen Connor Laird**

Regent Cuene noted that, in the 1950's, Helen Connor Laird was one of the first women to serve on the Board of Regents. Her father, W. D. Connor was an important lumber pioneer in Wisconsin's north woods; and Ms. Laird spent a great deal of time in the same part of the north as did Regent Cuene. One of the first women graduates of the University of Wisconsin, Ms. Laird was the grandmother of Wisconsin's First Lady Jessica Laird Doyle.

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## **2009-11 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

Regent President Bradley began the discussion by remarking that budgets should reflect the meaning of an institution and that this budget succeeds in doing that. Initiatives, listed by campus, are focused on the Growth Agenda for Wisconsin goals of growing people, growing jobs, and growing communities.

The initiatives, he remarked, reflect the diversity and talents of the UW institutions and are tailored to meet differing needs of different parts of the state.

Noting that the Governor and Legislature backed 90% of the Growth Agenda initiatives in the last budget, Regent President Bradley indicated that the state would now be asked to make an additional investment for the benefit of Wisconsin's future.

In that regard, he pointed out that economically successful states are investing in higher education and that Wisconsin has one of the most and productive and efficient systems of higher education in the country.

Adoption of the following resolution was moved by Regent Falbo and seconded by Regent Smith.

**2009-11 UW System Biennial Operating Budget Request**

Resolution 9528: That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the submission of its 2009-11 Biennial Operating Budget request, totaling an ongoing increase of \$124.1 million in GPR/Fees, including the Growth Agenda, and Estimated Cost to Continue Requests; an ongoing increase of \$70.2 million in Program Revenue Requests; Statutory Language Changes; and Performance Measures. The Board delegates authority to the UW System President to make minor changes as needed to the Cost to Continue request prior to the statutorily required September 15, 2008 submission date.

Regent Connolly-Keesler noted that adjustments in the initiatives can be made if the entire amounts of the requests were not received.

The question was put on Resolution 9528, and it was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

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

**2009-11 UW System Biennial Capital Budget Request**

Resolution 9529: That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the 2009-11 Capital Budget be submitted to the Department of Administration and the State Building Commission. The 2009-11 Capital Budget request includes the following:

1. Enumeration of twelve projects at a cost of \$139.7 million General Fund Supported Borrowing (GFSB) and \$24 million Program Revenue Supported Borrowing (PRSB).

Note: \$97.4 million of 2009-11 General Fund Supported Borrowing was advance enumerated in the 2007-09 Capital Budget and will become available on July 1, 2009 for three major projects.

2. Enumeration of sixteen projects funded by non-GFSB sources (\$257.0 million PRSB and \$88.9 million Gift/Grant Funds).

3. Advance Enumeration of three pre-design projects at a cost of \$155.5 million GFSB, \$7.2 million PRSB, and \$69 million Gift/Grant Funds for the 2011-13 biennium with GFSB funding to become available on July 1, 2011.
4. Enumeration of \$130 million GFSB and \$25 million PRSB for UW maintenance, repair, and renovation projects through the State Building Commission's All Agency program.
5. That the Board authorizes the UW System President or designee to adjust individual project budgets as necessary in the development of the final 2009-11 Capital Budget recommendation with the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

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## **REPORT OF THE CAPITAL PLANNING AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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

### **UW-Madison: Approval of the Design Report and Authority to Adjust the Project Scope and Budget and Construct the Chazen Museum of Art Project**

Of the \$47 million cost of the project, it was pointed out that \$46.9 million is made up of gift funds. The project would provide a new building to display and store works of art and extend development of the East Campus Mall.

Noting that this project was an example of why the building process needed improvement, Regent Bartell indicated that the project was originally requested four years ago, before it had been possible to make designs and accurate cost estimates. Therefore, it had been necessary to go through the process again to request adjustments to the scope and budget.

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

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### **UW-Oshkosh: Authority to Construct Facilities Management Relocation – Phase I Project**

The project would remodel a vehicle maintenance facility and storage buildings that were transferred in May 2008, using \$475,000 in gift funds.

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

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**UW-Platteville: Authority to Construct the Boebel Hall Remodeling – Phase I Project**

The committee approved for inclusion in the consent agenda a resolution granting authority to construct this \$2.2 million project that would remodel classrooms, construct biological science labs, and address infrastructure deficiencies.

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**UW-Stevens Point: Approval of Design Report and Authority to Construct Steiner Residence Hall Renovations Project**

The committee was informed that this would be the second of four planned residence hall renovations, which, at a cost of \$5 million in program revenue supported borrowing, would provide an elevator, replace windows and upgrade mechanical infrastructure. Room rental costs would increase by \$273 per year for students who choose to live in the remodeled units.

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

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**UW System: Authority to Construct All Agency Maintenance and Repair Projects**

The committee approved for inclusion in the consent agenda a resolution granting authority to construct 12 minor projects in the all agency maintenance fund program. Two of them were UW-Madison energy conservation projects funded with program revenue to be repaid by energy savings through the fuel and utilities account, which would save the university almost \$100,000 per month in utility costs and have a five-year payback. Other projects have significant gift-funding components.

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**Consent Agenda**

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

**Approval of the Design Report and Authority to Adjust the Project Scope and Budget and Construct the Chazen Museum of Art Project, UW-Madison**

Resolution 9530: That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Design Report of the Chazen Museum of Art project be approved and authority be



granted to (a) increase the project scope and budget by \$15,570,000 (\$15,370,000 Gift Funds and \$200,000 Building Trust Funds) and (b) construct the project at an estimated total cost of \$47,100,000 (\$46,900,000 Gift Funds and \$200,000 Building Trust Funds).

**Authority to Construct the Facilities Management Relocation-Phase I Project, UW-Oshkosh**

Resolution 9531: That, upon the recommendation of the of the UW-Oshkosh Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to construct a Facilities Management Relocation Phase I project at an estimated total project cost of \$475,000 Gift Funds.

**Authority to Construct the Boebel Hall Remodeling-Phase I Project, UW-Platteville**

Resolution 9532: That, upon the recommendation of the of the UW-Platteville Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to construct the Boebel Hall Remodeling-Phase I project at an estimated total project cost of \$2,200,000 (\$797,600 General Fund Supported Borrowing-Residual (New Engineering Building), \$505,767 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing-Residual (New Engineering Building and Ullsvik Center Addition and Remodeling), and \$896,633 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing-Tri-State Initiative).

**Approval of the Design Report and Authority to Construct the Steiner Residence Hall Renovation Project, UW-Stevens Point**

Resolution 9533: That, upon the recommendation of the of the UW-Stevens Point Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Design Report of the Steiner Residence Hall Renovation Project be approved and authority be granted to construct the project for a total cost of \$4,986,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing.

**Authority to Construct All Agency Maintenance and Repair Projects, UW System**

Resolution 9534: That, upon the recommendation of the 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 \$17,504,500 (\$2,538,700 General Fund Supported Borrowing; \$8,565,500 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing; \$930,700 Program Revenue-Cash; and \$5,469,600 Gift and Grant Funds).

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## **REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Regent Judy Crain presented the committee's report.

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### **UW-Platteville Presentation of Campus Academic Plan**

The committee heard a presentation by Provost Carol Sue Butts on UW-Platteville's academic plan. Committee members appreciated learning about the campus' academic planning and goals, which are very much mission driven.

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### **UW-Stout: Program Authorization of B.S. in Computer Engineering**

Providing the committee with context for this agenda item, Senior Vice President Rebecca Martin recalled that the UW System Engineering Education Task Force issued a set of recommendations for conditions under which new engineering programs could be proposed, including programs that would meet regional need; utilize existing resources; and collaborate with other institutions. Documentation was provided attesting to the regional demand for the program.

UW-Stout Provost Julie Furst-Bowe spoke about other aspects of the program that would align with the Task Force's other recommendations:

- o There would be collaborative relationships with UW-Eau Claire and Wisconsin Technical Colleges, including Chippewa Valley Technical College, and an emerging collaboration with UW-Platteville.
- o The program would build on existing resources along with Growth Agenda funding received in the 2007-09 budget.

The program would align well with UW-Stout's mission and polytechnic designation and would help to increase the student pipeline for engineering, with a focus on women and students of color, beginning with middle-school summer programs.

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

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**Western Technical College: Approval of Associate of Science Degree Liberal Arts Transfer Program in Collaboration with UW-La Crosse**

The committee was pleased to welcome Assembly Speaker Mike Huebsch who spoke of his strong support for the program. He thanked the leadership and faculty of both Western Technical College and UW-La Crosse for making this degree possible, noting that the real winners were the students seeking baccalaureate degrees and the state seeking a brighter economic future. Committee members were appreciative of the Speaker taking the time to express his enthusiastic endorsement in person.

Senior Vice President Martin made it clear that neither the UW System nor the Wisconsin Technical College system intended to bring any additional liberal arts transfer degrees forward.

The Western Technical College proposal used as a model the Chippewa Valley Technical College program approved by the Regents in March 2007, and it adhered faithfully to the criteria for such programs that the Board of Regents approved in February 2007.

President Lee Rasch, of Western Technical College, and Chancellor Joe Gow, of UW-La Crosse, spoke eloquently of the great work done by their faculties in a collaborative process, developing a program that drew on the strengths of both institutions.

The program would be focused on serving students in La Crosse and would not compete with other one-plus-one agreements between the UW Colleges and Western campuses in Mauston and Viroqua.

The committee also received a brief update on the Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC)/UW-Eau Claire liberal arts transfer program. With barely a year's worth of data available, the program seemed to be meeting its goals; and it was indicated that valuable lessons had already been learned. Enrollment targets had been exceeded, and there had been such a strong expression of interest in the program by students entering CVTC that UW-Eau Claire had been sending its entire academic advising staff to participate in CVTC's transfer orientation sessions.

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

**Approval of Western Technical College Associate of Science Degree Liberal Arts Transfer Program**

Resolution 9535:           That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Western Technical College Associate of Science Degree Liberal Arts Transfer Program. This degree program will be delivered in La Crosse,

collaboratively between Western Technical College and the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, utilizing courses and resources of both Systems.

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### **UW-Milwaukee: Charter School Contract Extensions**

The committee considered renewal of three charter school contracts. A five-year renewal of the Woodlands School contract presented no issues and was approved for inclusion in the consent agenda.

The other two schools – the Capitol West Academy and the Business and Economics Academy of Milwaukee – were identified in a letter from the Department of Public Instruction as not making adequate yearly progress as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act. As this was the first time the schools did not make adequate yearly progress, there were no sanctions imposed; but committee members felt the issues should be seriously discussed, and Regent Burmaster joined the committee for that discussion.

The committee heard from Bob Kattman, Director of the UW-Milwaukee Office of Charter Schools, who commented on the situations at the schools and the challenges that they were facing.

After much deliberation, the committee decided to amend resolutions regarding those two schools with language that would spell out clearly the conditions under which the contracts of each of them would be renewed and the terms under which each would be terminated. The intention was to give both schools the opportunity to improve their student performance and make adequate yearly progress in the following year, while ensuring that educational needs of students and their families are being met. While the resolutions would provide necessary accountability for the schools regarding annual yearly progress, they would not preclude future contract extensions should either school improve its achievement of those standards.

Adoption of Resolutions 9536 and 9537 was moved by Regent Crain, seconded by Regent Thomas and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

### **The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Charter School Contract Extension for the Capitol West Academy**

Resolution 9536: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the extension of the charter school contract ending in June, 2009, with the Capitol West Academy, Inc., until June 2013. If the charter school does not meet *Adequate Yearly Progress* under the *No Child Left Behind Act* in 2008-09, the contract terminates in June, 2011.

**The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Charter School Contract Extension for the Business and Economics Academy of Milwaukee**

Resolution 9537: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the extension of the charter school contract ending in June, 2009, with the Business and Economics Academy of Milwaukee, until June, 2012. If the charter school does not meet *Adequate Yearly Progress* under the *No Child Left Behind* Act in 2008-09, the contract terminates in June, 2011.

In discussion at the Board meeting, UW-Milwaukee Chancellor Carlos Santiago noted that Mr. Kattman is a strong director for the program and asked the Board to support the university's process in bringing forth charter school contracts, appreciating the difficulty of improving performance in these urban schools.

He suggested that the Regents might wish to have a broader discussion of the role of charter schools and UW-Milwaukee's involvement in that area.

Regent Crain stated her support for discussion of the issue, noting that it was not the desire of the committee to vote against the proposed contracts.

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**Report of the Senior Vice President**

***Annual Report and Updates on Academic Program Planning and Review***

The Annual Academic Program Planning and Review Report was presented by Associate Vice President Ron Singer, who was recognized for his valuable service to the Board and the Education Committee.

The report included an update on UW Colleges planning that resulted from Chancellor Wilson's recommendations to the Board in March 2008, one of which was to seek authority to offer an interdisciplinary baccalaureate degree in applied arts and sciences. An Entitlement to Plan Working Group, chaired by UW Colleges Interim Provost Greg Lampe, was working on a draft document, which would be shared with the provosts in early fall.

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**Update on Proposed Amendments to Chapters 17 and 18, Wisconsin Administrative Code**

These chapters involve student non-academic disciplinary procedures and conduct on university lands.

Senior Vice President Martin reported that there had been an extensive period of consultation with a variety of constituents and that a set of proposed draft rules would be provided to the Board in early September. The Board then would act on forwarding the proposed rules to the Legislative Council for its review process.

The goal was to have the revised rules in place for the beginning of the 2009-10 academic year.

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### **Consent Agenda**

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

#### **Program Authorization (Implementation) B.S. in Computer Engineering University of Wisconsin-Stout**

Resolution 9538: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stout and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to implement the B.S. in Computer Engineering.

#### **The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Charter School Contract Extension for the Woodlands School**

Resolution 9539: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the extension of the charter school contract with the Woodlands School, Inc., together with amendments to the contract, maintaining a charter school known as the Woodlands School.

#### **The Wisconsin Partnership Program UW School of Medicine and Public Health Oversight and Advisory Committee Appointment**

Resolution 9540: That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System and the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Board of Regents approves the appointment of Dr. Valerie J. Gilchrist to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health Oversight and Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term ending October, 2010, as one of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health's representatives on the committee.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Liberal Studies  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire**

Resolution 9541: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to implement the Bachelor of Liberal Studies.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor's degree in Early  
Childhood Education University of Wisconsin-River Falls**

Resolution 9542: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to implement the Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) M.S. in Clinical Investigations  
University of Wisconsin-Madison**

Resolution 9543: That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor be authorized to implement the M.S. in Clinical Investigations.

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**REPORT OF THE BUSINESS, FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Regent Brent Smith, chair, presented the committee's report.

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**The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health:  
Wisconsin Partnership for a Healthy Future – Approval of the Fourth  
Annual Report**

At a joint meeting of the Business, Finance, and Audit Committee and the Education Committee, Dr. Robert Golden, Dean of the UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health and Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs, presented the fourth annual report on the Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future. The fund aims to advance population health through community collaboration, education and research. Total awards since 2004 totaled \$61.7 million, representing 167 grants.

The committees passed a resolution approving the report for inclusion in the consent agenda.

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### **Growth Agenda Action Steps: Update on Operational Excellence and Efficiency**

The committee received a report which is summarized on pages 18 & 19.

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### **Trust Funds**

#### ***Spending Policy Discussion***

The committee discussed the UW System trust funds spending policy in relationship to proposals by Congress on mandatory spending rates. Earnings assumptions were reviewed in relationship to spending plans.

In response to a question by Regent President Bradley at the Board meeting, it was indicated that the spending policy provides for a disbursement rate of four percent.

#### ***Update on Private Equity Program***

The committee received an update on the Private Equity Investment Program, which began in 2002 and which has been quite successful. Representatives from Adam Street Partners provided background on their firm and addressed the importance of diversification.

#### ***Quarterly Investment Report***

A quarterly investment report was presented to the committee.

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### **Audit Update**

#### ***UW Mental Health Counseling Services***

Director Julie Gordon presented information on a recently completed report on UW mental health counseling services. The very timely review noted that all four-year institutions offer a variety of mental health services and that all two-year colleges will offer services within the next year. While the number of students seeking services has increased, the number of professional staff providers has not. The report indicated that, while sustaining mental health services continues to be a challenge, solutions may be best developed at the institutional level.

The President's Advisory Committee on Health, Safety, and Campus Security would be asked to facilitate a review of the audit recommendations and develop guidelines to assist the institutions.



In discussion at the Board meeting, Regent Pruitt recognized that resource issues in this area are challenging, but asked that needs in this area be addressed with a sense of urgency, understanding that resource issues are challenging.

Regent Connolly-Keesler observed that one question is how much service to offer at the campus level, recognizing that every service has a cost.

President Reilly indicated that this is one of the matters that would be addressed by the President's Advisory Committee and that resources are a central issue.

***Update on Student Credit Card Debt and Credit Card Solicitation on UW Property and Follow Up Review of Occupational Health and Safety Training for UW Employees***

The committee was informed that most institutions had restricted credit card solicitation on campus.

With regard to the review of occupational health and safety training, there had been limited progress by the institutions in implementing previous audit recommendations. The committee stated its interest in seeing more progress and requested a further update at the December meeting.

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**Committee Business**

***Committee Goals and Priorities for 2008-09***

Among the topics discussed were the Regents' financial oversight role, determining what financial information currently exists that may support that role, how the committee can best advance audit recommendations, and how other governing boards carry out the oversight function.

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**Report of the Vice President**

Vice President Debbie Durcan informed the committee that the UW's share of the state budget shortfall would be a lapse of \$25 million, part of which would be covered by campus efforts, such as holding vacancies open longer, reducing energy consumption, and filling vacancies with teaching academic staff instead of faculty.

Vice President Durcan also updated the committee on recent flooding and boiler losses. Flooding at four institutions and the boiler loss at UW-Whitewater were estimated at \$10-\$12 million, the largest loss in UW history.

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**Consent Agenda**

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

**Wisconsin Partnership Program 2007 Annual Report**

Resolution 9544:           That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the 2007 Annual Report of the Wisconsin Partnership Program covering all activities and expenditures from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

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**ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS**

**2009 Meeting Schedule**

Regent President Bradley noted that the proposed 2009 meeting schedule would provide for eight meetings, including two one-day meetings to discuss major policy issues. Four meetings would be hosted by UW institutions, including a meeting at UW-Milwaukee in May, when students would be present. The annual meeting would be in Madison in June.

Regent Crain asked if there had been any negative reaction to this year's meeting schedule.

In response, Regent President Bradley said that campuses enjoyed their role in hosting meetings and that the schedule has been helpful to System Administration staff, who have been trying to do more work with fewer people.

President Reilly added that he, too, had received favorable comments from chancellors, provosts and others about the schedule. Noting that the schedule allowed more time for staff to concentrate on preparation of the biennial budget proposal, he expressed the belief that the Board is better served with fewer meetings and better preparation for each one.

Upon motion by Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Falbo, the following resolution was adopted on a unanimous voice vote:

**2009 Meeting Schedule**

Resolution 9545: That the attached Board of Regents meeting schedule for 2009 be approved.

The meeting was recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

The following resolution, moved by Regent Pruitt, was adopted on a roll-call vote, with Regents Bartell, Bradley, Burmaster, Connolly-Keesler, Crain, Drew, Falbo, Opgenorth, Pruitt, Smith, Thomas, Vasquez, Walsh, and Womack (14) voting in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes and no abstentions.

Resolution 9546: Move into closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding pending and potential litigation, as permitted by 19.85(1)(g), *Wis. Stats.*; to consider appointment of an Interim Chancellor for UW-Parkside, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(c), *Wis. Stats.*; and for purposes of considering personal histories, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(f), *Wis. Stats.*, related to the naming of a facility at UW-Madison.

During the closed session, the following resolutions were adopted.

**Authorization to Name a Cabin at the Trout Lake Research Station the “Thomas M. Frost House.” UW-Madison**

Resolution 9547: That, upon recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to name the residence cabin located at The Trout Lake Research Station, in the Town of Boulder Junction, Vilas County, Wisconsin, The “Thomas M. Frost House.”

**Authorization to Appoint: Interim Chancellor University of Wisconsin-Parkside**

Resolution 9548: That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, Lane R. Earns be

appointed Interim Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, effective August 24, 2008 at a salary of \$194,146.

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

Submitted by:

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Judith A. Temby, Secretary

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