DATE: November 4, 2016

TO: Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Jane S. Radue, Executive Director and Corporate Secretary

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Agenda for meetings of the Board of Regents and committees, to be held at
Gordon Dining and Event Center – 2nd floor,
770 W. Dayton Street, Madison, Wisconsin
on Thursday, November 10, 2016

9:00-9:30 a.m. Education Committee – Symphony Room

9:00-9:30 a.m. Business and Finance Committee – Overture Room

9:45 a.m. All Regents – Symphony Room

1. Calling of the roll

2. Approval of the minutes of the October 2016 meeting

3. UW Vets certification announcement

4. Report of the President of the Board
   a. Report of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board
   b. Board of Regents Office database
   c. Other updates

5. Report of the President of the System
   a. Legislative and other updates
   b. News from around the UW System
   c. Faculty spotlight

6. Report and approval of actions taken by the Education Committee

7. Report and approval of actions taken by the Business and Finance Committee
8. Presentation and Discussion: UW Student Affairs and the Student Experience
   Led by:
   • Al S. Thompson, Jr., UW-Stevens Point Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer
   • Lori Berquam, UW-Madison Vice Provost for Student Life and Dean of Students
   • Gregg Heinselman, UW-River Falls Assistant Chancellor for Student Affairs

Lunch for Regents and guests – Concerto Room

12:45 p.m. (approx.) All Regents – Symphony Room (continued)

9. Presentation and Discussion: 2020FWD Strategic Framework Focus on Operational Excellence
   • Commitment to Operational Reform and Excellence (CORE) project
   • Dashboard/report card for reporting progress on strategic framework
   • On-time degrees

10. Regent communications, petitions, and memorials

Followed by:

11. All Regents – Sonata Room

Move into closed session: (a) to consider UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee honorary degree nominations, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats.; (b) to deliberate regarding a recommendation for dismissal with cause of a UW-Madison faculty member, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(a) and (b); (c) to consider a faculty member request for review of a UW-Whitewater personnel-related decision, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats.; (d) to confer with legal counsel regarding pending or potential litigation, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats.; and (e) to consider annual personnel evaluations, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats.

Adjourn

The closed session agenda may be considered during any recess in the regular meeting agenda. In addition, the Board may reconvene in open session regarding matters taken up in the closed session, including voting, where applicable.

Information about agenda items can be found during the week of the meeting at https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/meetings/ or may be obtained from Jane Radue, Executive Director, Office of the Board of Regents, 1860 Van Hise Hall, Madison, WI 53706, (608)262-2324. Persons with disabilities requesting an accommodation to attend are asked to contact Jane Radue in advance of the meeting. The meeting will be webcast at http://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/board-of-regents-video-streaming/ on Thursday, November 10, 2016, from 9:45 a.m. until approximately 2:30 p.m.
UW STUDENT AFFAIRS AND THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

BACKGROUND

UW senior student affairs professionals play a critical role in helping their institutions provide a high quality educational experience for UW students across the system. They are integral to institutional efforts aimed at building welcoming and inclusive learning environments, attracting and retaining students, ensuring student academic achievement, enhancing career readiness, and developing engaged and supportive alumni. At the Board’s November 10, 2016 meeting, a panel of senior student affairs officers will provide an in-depth look at how student affairs contributes to the student experience within UW institutions.

REQUESTED ACTION

For information only.

DISCUSSION

First to present will be Al S. Thompson, Jr., UW-Stevens Point Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer, who will discuss the role student affairs plays in improving the campus climate and creating opportunities for students to engage with the world around them, locally, nationally, and globally.

Lori Berquam, UW-Madison Vice Provost for Student Life and Dean of Students, will focus on the wide range of ways UW student affairs officers and units influence the overall social and academic success of UW students.

Gregg Heinselman, UW-River Falls Assistant Chancellor for Student Affairs, will present on the complex array of emerging issues facing UW senior student affairs officers today, including ensuring the emotional well-being of students and addressing achievement gap issues.

The presentation will also include remarks by two current UW students, Chris Morgan, a senior at UW-River Falls and Carol Vang, a junior at UW-Stout, who will address how their engagement with student affairs has influenced their undergraduate experiences.

RELATED BOARD OF REGENTS POLICIES

Not applicable.
2020FWD STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:  
FOCUS ON OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

BACKGROUND

In August 2016, the UW System announced the release of its 2020FWD: Moving Wisconsin and the World Forward strategic framework. The framework was the culmination of extensive public input and provides direction across four key focus areas:

- Educational Pipeline
- University Experience
- Business and Community Mobilization
- Operational Excellence

The 2020FWD strategic framework underpins the 2017-19 biennial budget request approved by the Board of Regents in August 2016. At its November 2016 meeting, the Board will hear from Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs James Henderson and Vice President for Administration and Fiscal Affairs David Miller on work being done to accomplish the objectives outlined under the Operational Excellence focus area.

REQUESTED ACTION

This report is for information only.

DISCUSSION

The 2020FWD strategic framework’s emphasis on operational excellence established priorities to reinforce the UW System’s focus on academic and administrative quality, effectiveness, and efficiency.

The first priority to be discussed in the presentation, the Commitment to Operational Reform and Excellence (CORE), was introduced at the June 2016 Board meeting. The CORE project aims to further reduce administrative costs and increase efficiency throughout the UW System by streamlining, standardization, and centralization of certain operations. This initiative builds upon the UW System’s historic commitment to maintaining low administrative costs when compared to peer benchmarks and spans across several functional areas. Vice President Miller will provide the Board with a report on accomplishments and future opportunities related to CORE project initiatives.

The second item for discussion under Operational Excellence is the dashboard. The current UW System online dashboard was presented at the September 2015 Board meeting as the latest version of UW System’s accountability reporting, which dates back to the mid-1990s. Building
on and drawing from the extensive range of performance measures present in that dashboard, the UW System will frame a 2020FWD annual report card to benchmark efforts and assess progress toward achieving the goals for each of the 2020FWD strategic framework priorities and initiatives. Vice President Henderson will discuss these efforts.

The third item for discussion under Operational Excellence is on-time degrees. Over the last thirty years, both four-year and six-year graduation rates have increased significantly across the UW System. While this is a positive development, the UW System will continue to work hard to ensure students graduate in as efficient a manner as possible. Time to degree can be affected by numerous factors, such as students’ changing majors, students’ family and financial issues, and students’ deciding to take advantage of educational opportunities such as study abroad, internships, and double majors. Vice President Henderson will summarize how the UW System will continue to work to minimize time to degree.

**RELATED REGENT POLICIES**

Not applicable.