

**Minutes of the Research, Economic Development, & Innovation Committee**  
**University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents**  
**UW System**  
**October 6, 2016**

Chairman Hall convened the meeting of the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation (REDI) Committee at 10:55 a.m. Regents Hall, Klein, Erickson, Higgins, and Tyler were present.

**a. Approval of the Minutes of the August 18, 2016, Meeting of the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee**

Chairman Hall asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2016, REDI Committee meeting. Motion was made by Regent Higgins and seconded by Regent Tyler to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Approval of the Annual Report for the Wisconsin Partnership Program through the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health**

Dean Robert N. Golden, M.D., introduced his team members from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health and provided a brief overview of the 2015 Wisconsin Partnership Program annual report. He reported that a total of \$186 million had been awarded through 427 grants throughout Wisconsin since the Partnership's creation. Additionally, the Program has leveraged initial funds to successfully compete for \$326 million in extramural funds and has recently launched two new community grant programs serving a range of health issues facing Wisconsin communities, including obesity, alcohol and other drug abuse, child abuse, and mental health. Dean Golden emphasized that the Wisconsin Partnership Program has numerous other examples of its impactful work and outcomes that are outlined in the full [2015 Annual Report](#). Regent Klein commended Dean Golden for his work and asked if their work and grants extended beyond Madison. Dean Golden responded that their work extended throughout Wisconsin, going beyond campuses as well, and that the grants worked with most, if not all, UW entities, including UW-Extension. Regent Hall thanked Regent Higgins for bringing the Wisconsin Partnership Program before the REDI Committee.

**c. Approval of Appointments to the Oversight and Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Partnership Program**

Dean Golden introduced the four candidates being recommended for reappointment and provided a brief background for each candidate along with their current roles on the Advisory Committee. The following four candidates were recommended during the REDI Committee meeting: Gregory Nycz, Kenneth Taylor, Dr. Robert F. Lemanske, and Dr. Patrick Remington. Regent Hall asked for a motion to approve Resolution 1.4.c, which called for the approval of the four candidates as appointees to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health Oversight and Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Partnership Program for four-year terms beginning November 1, 2016. Motion was made by Regent Klein and seconded by Regent Erickson to accept the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Presentation of the UW-Barron County National Rube Goldberg Champions**

UW Colleges Professor Christa James-Byrnes presented the UW-Barron County project that won first place at the 2016 national Rube Goldberg competition held in Columbus, Ohio. UW-Barron County is the third smallest campus of all of the UW Colleges, and the majority of the students that participate in engineering club work 20-30 hours a week in addition to being students. Under her direction, UW-Barron County engineering students built a Nicola Tesla-themed umbrella-opening machine that took first place for Division III, which includes “all colleges” and drew teams from Purdue, the University of California-Berkeley, the Penn State, and many others. Professor James-Byrnes shared the inspiring journey with the committee and explained that this experience gives students an opportunity to develop teamwork and grow beyond a classroom. She pointed out that every year she takes at least one student who has never left Wisconsin to the competition. The entire story can be viewed on the Wisconsin Life [video](#).

**e. UW-Eau Claire Panel on Research, Economic Development, Undergraduate Research, and Business Partnerships**

UW-Eau Claire Chancellor Jim Schmidt led a discussion panel of regional business and healthcare leaders on how UW-Eau Claire is expanding innovative partnerships to strengthen the region. The panel included Dr. Randy Linton, President and CEO of the Northwest Wisconsin Region of Mayo Clinic Health System; Julie Manas, President and CEO of HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital; Nick Meyer, Editor, Publisher, and Owner of Volume One; and Mark Stoering, President, Xcel Energy of Michigan and Wisconsin. Julie Manas highlighted how the university plays a critical role in providing talent to help address the local and state nursing shortage. The Chancellor emphasized that UW-Eau Claire needs to continue to build its capacity in this area, as it currently turns away three out of four qualified applicants to the nursing program every year, due to not having the sufficient faculty to teach the additional students. Dr. Randy Linton discussed how UW-Eau Claire has partnered with the local YMCA to build a recreational facility that will be the first such facility in the country that emerges from a university partnership. Additionally, Nick Meyer stressed the importance the university plays in economic development. He described how the city of Eau Claire was recently recognized in TIME magazine for a resurgence. That recognition would not have been possible without the university’s key influence in the community. Chairman Hall congratulated the Chancellor on his work in business and community mobilization and thanked each member of the panel for their interactions with the university.

Chairman Hall adjourned the meeting of the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation (REDI) Committee at 12:15 p.m.