

RECORD OF THE MEETING

of the

BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 26, 2017  
3:00 p.m.

Held by telephone conference  
1511 Van Hise Hall  
1220 Linden Drive  
Madison, Wisconsin

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PRESENT: Regents John Behling (Chair), Tracey Klein, Regina Millner, Drew Peterson, Bryan Steil, and Gerald Whitburn

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regents Michael Grebe, Eve Hall, and Tim Higgins

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After the roll was called, President Behling explained that all of the items on the agenda were capital planning items that required the approval of the Board of Regents sooner than the Board's regular meeting schedule would allow, so that they could be presented to the State Building Commission for approval at its next meeting on August 9, 2017.

President Behling stated that two of the items on the agenda were under consideration because the Department of Administration opened the construction bids for those projects on July 13, 2017, and both projects require additional funding to maintain their scopes and schedules. He then asked Associate Vice President Alex Roe to provide an overview of each project.

Associate Vice President Roe introduced the first item, which was a request from UW-Eau Claire for authority to increase the budget of the Towers Hall Renovation project by \$3 million of Program Revenue Borrowing to accept bids for an overall project total of \$35,969,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing.

The Department of Administration (DOA) opened bids for the project on July 13, 2017, and the bids exceeded the previously approved project amount. One significant consideration is the fact that UW-Eau Claire emptied the first tower for fall 2017 in an effort to accommodate the asbestos abatement work starting in October. Associate Vice President Roe explained that cancelling the bids would mean the university loses not only one year of construction, but two

years of housing revenues, as well. Therefore, upon reflection of the scope and schedule of the project, the close bid results, and numerous conversations and meetings between the Office of Capital Planning and Budget, UW-Eau Claire, and DOA, it was determined that moving forward with the current proposal was the best path.

The university had originally developed its financing model as a \$35-million project. DOA has agreed to set aside the additional \$1 million of the new funding into a restricted account for use by senior leaders only in cases of necessity.

President Behling called for a vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 10928. The resolution was moved by Regent Petersen, seconded by Regent Whitburn, and adopted on a voice vote.

**Authority to Increase the Budget of the Towers Hall Renovation Project to Accept Bids, UW-Eau Claire**

Resolution 10928      That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Eau Claire Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to increase the budget of the Towers Hall Renovation project by \$3,000,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing to accept bids for a revised estimated total cost of \$35,969,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing.

President Behling asked Associate Vice President Roe to introduce the next item, a request from UW-Oshkosh seeking approval to increase the budget of the Intramural Recreation Field Complex project by \$722,300 Program Revenue Cash and to substitute \$571,000 Program Revenue Cash for program revenue borrowing. With the increase, the total project cost would be \$7,188,300.

This project was enumerated as part of the FY 2013-15 capital budget and the Board approved the design report and granted authority to construct the Intramural Recreation Field Complex project for \$6,466,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing at its December 2015 meeting. The project seeks to construct lighted multi-use artificial turf fields, fencing, and a seasonal dome on the site of the former River Commons building that was destroyed during a flood in 2008.

DOA opened bids on July 13, 2017, and the project came in about \$722,300 over the approved amount. Associate Vice President Roe indicated that after much discussion between the Office of Capital Planning and Budget, UW-Oshkosh, and DOA, it was decided to proceed with the project as designed.

The original schedule called for this project to be substantially complete and usable in July 2017. By virtue of the delay, the university has been collecting the segregated fee and now has sufficient cash on hand to pay for the overage as well as replace borrowing with cash to reduce the overall debt and long-range costs to the students.

Associate Vice President Roe said it would take about a year to construct this project, and the university hopes that the new fields can be ready for use in fall 2018. UW-Oshkosh has indicated that no additional fee increases will be necessary to support construction of this project.

Questions were raised by Regent Whitburn concerning how long the fee will be collected and the amount of the fee being collected for the project. UW-Oshkosh representatives responded that the fee was \$15 per student, for a total of 20 years, beginning in 2012.

Hearing no additional questions, President Behling called for a vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 10929. The resolution was moved by Regent Millner, seconded by Regent Steil, and adopted on a voice vote.

**Authority to Increase the Budget of the Intramural Recreation Field Complex Project to Accept Bids, UW-Oshkosh**

Resolution 10929      That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Oshkosh Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to: (a) substitute \$571,000 Program Revenue Cash for \$571,000 previously approved Program Revenue Supported Borrowing and (b) increase the project budget of the Intramural Recreation Field Complex project by \$722,300 Program Revenue Cash to accept bids for the Intramural Recreation Field Complex project for a revised estimated total cost of \$7,188,300 (\$5,895,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing and \$1,293,000 Program Revenue Cash).

The next item was a request to correct the official name of the commission as indicated in Resolution 10907, which was adopted by the Board of Regents on July 7, 2017. Associate Vice President Roe explained the need for the correction.

President Behling called for a vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 10930. The resolution was moved by Regent Whitburn, seconded by Regent Steil, and adopted on a voice vote.

**Authority to Amend Resolution 10907 to Correct a Name Error, UW Colleges**

Resolution 10930      That, upon the recommendation of the UW Colleges Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to amend Resolution 10907 to correct a name error; “University of Wisconsin/Wood County Commission” should be “University Commission: UW Marshfield/Wood County Commission.”

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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Submitted by:

/s/ Jane S. Radue

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