

RECORD OF THE MEETING

of the

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 20, 2018  
3:00 p.m.

Held by telephone conference  
1820 Van Hise Hall  
1220 Linden Drive  
Madison, Wisconsin

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PRESENT: Regents John Behling (Chair), Michael Grebe, Tim Higgins, Tracey Klein, Regina Millner, Drew Petersen, Bryan Steil, and Gerald Whitburn

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regent Eve Hall

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After the roll was called, Regent President Behling asked President Cross to provide an overview of the first of two restructuring items under consideration by the Executive Committee, a proposal to move Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television to UW-Madison.

President Cross started by explaining that moving Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television to UW-Madison has been under consideration for some time, and recommended that the Executive Committee support the resolution. He said that UW-Madison was the appropriate location for educational entities such as Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television, which have been associated with educational programming for quite some time.

President Behling asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Resolution 11010 was moved by Regent Petersen, seconded by Regent Millner, and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

**Transfer of Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television to UW-Madison**

Resolution 11010      WHEREAS the Board of Regents approved Resolution 10956 in November 2017 regarding the restructuring of UW Colleges and UW-Extension, to include moving the UW-Extension's Division of Broadcasting and Media Innovations, Division of Business and

Entrepreneurship, and Division of Continuing Education, Outreach, and E-Learning to UW System Administration; and

WHEREAS UW-Extension's Division of Broadcasting and Media Innovations includes two broadcasting units, Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television, that provide educational, culturally enriching, and informative programming, extending the borders of the university to the state and beyond, working collaboratively with Wisconsin's Educational Communications Board; and

WHEREAS the missions of Wisconsin Public Radio – to “realize the ‘Wisconsin Idea’ by producing, acquiring and delivering high quality audio programming that serves the public’s need to discuss ideas and opinions, and that provides cultural enrichment, intellectual stimulation, and intelligent, enlightening entertainment” – and Wisconsin Public Television – to “boldly enrich, educate and entertain diverse audiences of children and adults through the innovative use of television production and broadcasting, other communication technologies and community outreach” – better align with the mission of the University of Wisconsin-Madison to “provide a learning environment in which faculty, staff and students can discover, examine critically, preserve and transmit the knowledge, wisdom and values that will help ensure the survival of this and future generations and improve the quality of life for all”; and

WHEREAS Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television are educational entities producing high quality educational programming that is not broadcast but distributed to K-12 institutions for use in classrooms around the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television wish to increase the programming they produce for K-12 institutions through a closer relationship with the faculty at UW-Madison; and

WHEREAS the studios and production facilities of Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television are physically located on the UW-Madison campus; and

WHEREAS Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television will be housed within an administrative unit considered a Division at UW-Madison, which will also house Cooperative Extension; this Division will have the ability to hire and tenure faculty;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that effective July 1, 2018, Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television will be moved to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, amending the action taken with the approval of Resolution 10956 in November 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chancellor of UW-Madison is authorized to implement this resolution.

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Regent President Behling asked President Cross to provide an overview of the next item, a resolution to transfer UW-Extension's Department of Labor Education to UW-Madison.

President Cross explained the Department of Labor Education, commonly known as the School for Workers, started as a school for female workers in 1925 and has been reshaped over time. The department is an outreach entity, and has been part of UW-Extension's Division of Continuing Education, Outreach, and E-Learning for a number of years. The department has four tenured faculty positions and two tenure-track positions, an annual operating budget of \$850,000, and conducts labor education training and consulting activities around the country. President Cross said he recommends that the Department of Labor Education be attached to an academic institution, and the department has been historically located on the UW-Madison campus.

President Behling asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Resolution 11011 was moved by Regent Petersen, seconded by Regent Whitburn, and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

**Transfer of the Department of Labor Education to UW-Madison**

Resolution 11011      WHEREAS the Board of Regents approved Resolution 10956 in November 2017 regarding the restructuring of UW Colleges and UW-Extension to include moving the UW-Extension's Division of Broadcasting and Media Innovations; Division of Business and Entrepreneurship; and Division of Continuing Education, Outreach, and E-Learning to UW System Administration; and

WHEREAS UW-Extension's Division of Continuing Education, Outreach, and E-Learning includes the Department of Labor Education, the oldest continuously-operating, university-based labor education program in the United States, which has long brought the three components of the Wisconsin Idea – teaching, research, and outreach – to thousands of workers, unions, and employers throughout Wisconsin, the nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS the mission of the Department of Labor Education – to “empower working people and labor organizations at the job site, in the national economy, and in the global economic system through a comprehensive program of lifelong adult learning opportunities” by offering courses and programming to union members and leaders, as well

as employer representatives – better aligns with the teaching and service mission of the University of Wisconsin-Madison;

WHEREAS the Department of Labor Education includes tenured and tenure-track faculty, and the University of Wisconsin System Administration is not an educational institution with tenure procedures or protocols; and

WHEREAS the Department of Labor Education provides labor education courses, training and consulting services around the nation in response to market demands; and

WHEREAS the Department of Labor Education must generate revenues sufficient to provide the courses, training and consulting services offered; and

WHEREAS the UW-Madison Division of Continuing Studies will serve as the new administrative home for the Department of Labor Education, to be renamed in the future, and the Division of Continuing Studies shall be authorized to hire and retain tenured faculty and offer courses for credit and degrees;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that effective July 1, 2018, the Department of Labor Education will be moved to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, amending the action taken with the approval of Resolution 10956 in November 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chancellor of UW-Madison is authorized to implement this resolution.

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Regent President Behling asked Vice President Rob Cramer and Associate Vice President Alex Roe to provide an overview of the next item, a gift-funded capital project for UW-Madison.

Associate Vice President Roe explained that UW-Madison's Hoofers Sailing Club has space along Lake Mendota and would like to replace all of the existing docks and piers with portable ones, and modernize the area along the lake. The project will also replace the existing seawall that has deteriorated. She noted that the project is budgeted at \$3.6 million, which will be funded with gift funds.

President Behling asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Resolution 11012 was moved by Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Petersen, and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

**Authority to Execute the Remainder of the Design Contract and Construct the UW-Madison Hoofers Boat Dock and Deck Replacement project, UW System**

Resolution 11012      That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to (a) execute the remainder of the design contract and (b) construct the Hoofers Boat Dock and Deck Replacement project for an estimated total cost of \$3,666,000 Gift Funds.

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President Behling moved the resolution to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Regent Petersen, and adopted on a roll-call vote, with Regents Behling, Petersen, Grebe, Higgins, Klein, Millner, and Whitburn voting in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes and no abstentions.

**Closed Session Resolution**

Resolution 11013      That the Executive Committee move into closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation (Bank First National v. UW-Oshkosh Foundation; Board of Regents v. Sonnleitner and Wells; University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Foundation, Inc. v. Board of Regents; UW-Oshkosh Foundation, Inc. Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Filing) and potential litigation, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats.

After the Executive Committee conferred with legal counsel regarding potential litigation, Regent Higgins and Regent Klein recused themselves from discussion of pending litigation and left the meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

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Submitted by:

/s/ Jess Lathrop  
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Office of the Board of Regents  
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