

RECORD OF THE MEETING

of the

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 27, 2018  
8:00 a.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 Petersen, and Gerald Whitburn; Regent Bryan Steil joined the call at 8:03 a.m.

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regents Michael Grebe and Eve Hall

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After the roll was recorded, Regent President Behling asked if Board members wished to declare any conflicts of interest with items on the agenda. Regents Millner and Whitburn noted they had conflicts with Item 4., UW-Milwaukee's Connected Systems Institute Project. Regent President Behling reminded the Regents to recuse themselves from discussing or voting on that item. He then asked Associate Vice President Alex Roe and UW-Eau Claire Chancellor Jim Schmidt to present the first project.

Associate Vice President Roe, on behalf of President Cross and Chancellor Schmidt, asked the committee to consider a request to increase the budget for the Towers Hall Renovation project by \$3,000,000 for a total project cost of \$38,969,000.

This project was enumerated as part of the 2015-17 capital budget and is currently under construction. Karlgaard Hall, formerly the North and South Towers, was constructed in 1966. The renovation involves replacing HVAC systems and exterior windows, repairing of the exterior envelope, replacement of plumbing systems, and refurbishing the elevators. Other work includes a new entrance and ADA accessible lobby, improved floor lounges and relocated and modernized resident bathrooms throughout the facility.

Unforeseen conditions have hindered the renovation of the building. The existing building's as-built drawings do not match the actual structural and interstitial spaces in the building, and modifications have been made to accommodate the existing conditions. In addition, more asbestos abatement was required than originally budgeted. With the approaching

completion of the first tower, the project contingency is nearly depleted. In anticipation of finding similar conditions in the second tower, UW-Eau Claire is seeking to replenish the contingency funds to accommodate the expected challenges in the next phase of construction.

Chancellor Schmidt noted his disappointment with the surprises that arose with this renovation project, and his pride with the good work being done. He also reported that the south tower of Karlgaard Hall will be opened this fall for occupation by students. Chancellor Schmidt explained that funding would come from existing program revenue support borrowing.

President Behling asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Resolution 11072 was moved by Vice President Petersen, seconded by Regent Steil, and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

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

Resolution 11072      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 Existing Program Revenue Supported Borrowing for a revised estimated total project cost of \$38,969,000 Existing Program Revenue Supported Borrowing.

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Before explaining the UW-Milwaukee project, Associate Vice President Roe noted that bids for the UW-Madison Chemistry Building project were opened earlier in the week, and the lowest qualified bid was within the previously approved project budget. As such, no action was needed by the Board at this time.

On behalf of President Cross and Chancellor Mone, Associate Vice President Roe asked the committee to consider approving a gift and grant project, to design and construct the UW-Milwaukee Connected Systems Institute project at an estimated cost of \$1,200,000.

This project involves building a new interdisciplinary space by remodeling approximately 10,000 square feet of assignable space on the first floor of the Golda Meir Library. The new institute is an academic-industry consortium using the Industrial Internet of Things and technologies. The space will provide test beds for research and education, and will bring together several UWM colleges and centers, as well as other industry and academic partners. The project will construct all the necessary architectural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and other building systems necessary to provide space that supports simulation, emulation and visualization of test beds. The project includes space for classrooms, lab, office and maker space.

Associate Vice Chancellor Geoff Hurtado noted UW-Milwaukee's longstanding relationship with Rockwell Automation, and the company's interest in completing this project and hiring future graduates. Vice Chancellor Robin Van Harpen shared that the project is very important to Chancellor Mone and is an example of the strong partnerships he is working hard to

develop. President Cross also noted that the project is important to other companies, including FoxConn.

President Behling asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Resolution 11073 was moved by Regent Klein, seconded by Vice President Petersen, and adopted unanimously on a voice vote. Regents Millner and Whitburn abstained.

**Authority to Complete the Design and Construct the UW-Milwaukee Connected Systems Institute Project, UW System**

Resolution 11073      That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to complete the design and construct the UW-Milwaukee Connected Systems Institute project for an estimated total cost of \$1,200,000 Gift Funds.

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Associate Vice President Roe explained that the final capital project request included three projects under the All Agency Maintenance and Repair program:

UW-La Crosse, Laux Hall Renovation: This building has seen no measurable renovation since it was constructed in 1964. The project includes installation of a new fire suppression system, fire alarm/smoke detection, upgrade electrical and telecomm systems, installation of new electrical circuits and reconfiguration of the existing restrooms. The project is estimated to cost \$2,992,800 of which \$1,500,000 is program revenue cash; remaining funds will be borrowed.

UW-River Falls, Campus Electrical Substation Replacement: This project will replace utility owned transformers with new, campus switchgear and capacitor banks. Overhead utility lines will be placed underground and a new secure enclosure placed around the substation. The original substation, installed in 1987, is beyond its useful life with parts difficult to locate. During routine shutdowns of the switchgear, staff has had difficulty resetting the system. New utility lines will be installed to provide reliability, not currently available with existing electrical lines. Although this project has been a top priority for the campus for years, funding is now available to proceed forward. The project has a total cost of \$4,957,000 with \$2,528,100 of general fund supported borrowing and \$2,428,900 of program revenue supported borrowing.

UW-La Crosse, Coate Hall/Hutchinson Hall Fire Alarm Replacement: The project proposes to replace the fire alarm and smoke detection systems in two residence halls, Coate Hall built in 1966, and Hutchinson Hall, built in 1967. A fully functional fire alarm and smoke detection system will be installed with \$720,000 program revenue cash.

President Behling asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Resolution 11074 was moved by Regent Whitburn, seconded by Vice President Petersen, and adopted on a voice vote.

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

Resolution 11074 That, upon the recommendation 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 \$8,669,800 (\$2,528,100 General Fund Supported Borrowing; \$3,921,700 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing; and \$2,220,000 Cash).

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

**Closed Session Resolution**

Resolution 11075 Move into closed session to consider a compensation adjustment for the UW-Platteville chancellor, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats.

The following resolution was adopted during the closed session:

**Approval of a Base Salary Adjustment for the UW-Platteville Chancellor**

Resolution 11076 That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves a base salary adjustment for the UW-Platteville Chancellor, due to competitive market factors, effective July 1, 2018.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

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Submitted by:

/s/ Jess Lathrop  
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