

**Minutes of the UW System Board of Regents
Education Committee Meeting on
June 7, 2018**

Education Committee

The Education Committee convened at 9:08 a.m. in the Wisconsin Room of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Student Union. In attendance were Regents Millner (Chair), Jones (Vice Chair), Evers, Plante, Ring, and Tyler. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Committee Actions

The Education Committee adopted the February 8, 2018, Meeting Minutes. None of the Education Committee members reported a conflict of interest regarding any of the agenda items. The Committee unanimously approved thirteen resolutions, including:

- **Resolution I.1.c.**, Approval of the Master of Science in Athletic Training at UW-La Crosse;
- **Resolution I.1.d.**, Approval of the Bachelor of Science in Public Health at UW-Milwaukee;
- **Resolution I.1.e.**, Approval of the Master of Business Administration in Applied Leadership and Decision-Making at UW-Stevens Point;
- **Resolution I.1.f.**, Approval of the 2018 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes in Status;
- **Resolutions I.1.g (1) and (2).**, Approval of the Establishment of New colleges at UW-Milwaukee and UW-Whitewater;
- **Resolution I.1.h.**, Acceptance of the UW Colleges Tenure Transfer Report;
- **Resolution I.1.i.**, Approval of the Implementation of the UW Flexible Option of Science in Business Administration at UW-Parkside;
- **Resolution I.1.j.**, Approval of the Proffer from the Vilas Trust Fund to UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee;
- **Resolutions I.1.k.(1), (2), and (3)**, Authorizing the Board Secretary to Revise and Remove Regent Policies; and
- **Resolution I.1.l.**, Approval of the Appointments to the Natural Areas Preservation Council

Welcome and Introduction: Education Committee Chairperson, Regina Millner, began by expressing gratitude for the dedicated service of Dr. James P. Henderson during his time as the Vice President for UW System Office of Academic and Student Affairs. Dr. Henderson retired on June 1, 2018.

Regent Millner then introduced Dr. Karen Schmitt as the Interim Vice President for the UW System Office of Academic and Student Affairs. Dr. Schmitt previously served as the Provost and Vice Chancellor for UW Colleges. Before returning to her home state of Wisconsin, Dr. Schmitt

was the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and Vice Provost for Research and Sponsored Programs at the University of Alaska Southeast, as well as Dean of the Community and Technical College at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Dr. Schmitt earned a Ph.D. in geological sciences from Columbia University, and a Master's in Geology from the University of Otago in New Zealand as a Fulbright Graduate Student Fellow.

Vice President's Report: Karen Schmitt, Interim Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, provided an update regarding the Wisconsin Legislature's approval of the UW System Outcomes-Based Funding Model. The Joint Finance Committee completed its active review and approved the model without revision on Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

UW-La Crosse: The Committee unanimously approved UW-La Crosse's Master of Science degree in Athletic Training. Associate Vice Chancellor Sandra Grunwald and Department Chair Mark Gibson appeared on behalf of the campus. Dr. Grunwald reported that this degree program directly responds to a recent decision by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) to shift the entry-level credentials required of practitioners to the master's level. Completion of a CAATE-accredited program is required in order to qualify for the national certification exam. The Master of Science in Athletic Training degree will allow UW-La Crosse to continue as a nationally reputable leader in athletic training education.

UW-Milwaukee: The Committee unanimously approved UW-Milwaukee's Bachelor Science degree in Public Health. Provost Johannes Britz appeared on behalf of the campus, together with the Dr. Ronald Perez, Interim Dean of the Zilber School of Public Health. Provost Britz reported that this degree program will create opportunity for undergraduate students to major in public health, and the program is projected to have more than 200 undergraduate students within two years of its creation. Until recently, public health training was limited to graduate education in the U.S. In 2003, this changed when the U.S. Institute of Medicine recommended that all undergraduates have access to public health education, because there is a demonstrated need for an expanded spectrum of people working to improve the health of populations in the United States. By establishing the proposed program at UW-Milwaukee, students will have access to one of the nation's top universities for research and community engagement, and to the only school of public health in Wisconsin that is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

UW-Stevens Point: The Committee unanimously approved the UW-Stevens Point's Master of Business Administration degree in Applied Leadership and Decision Making. Appearing on behalf of the campus were Provost Greg Summers, and Dr. Kevin Neuman, Professor of Economics, and Head of the School of Business and Economics. The degree program directly responds to demand from students and regional employers for access to high-quality graduate education in business administration. The curriculum will develop future leaders to be innovative decision makers by training them to interpret and develop regional indicators, policies, and initiatives, thereby elevating the level of business talent in Central Wisconsin. The MBA degree was developed with input from the School of Business and Economics Business Advisory Council, which includes influential business leaders and employers in the region.

2018 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status: The Committee unanimously approved the institutional tenure designations that were submitted by the 15 UW institutions. Regent action is the final step in the process by which faculty receive tenure and promotion.

Actions in Support of the UW System Restructuring of UW Colleges and UW-Extension: The three following actions are necessitated by accreditation requirements of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and the U.S. Department of Education. Both entities require continuity of academic programs, instruction, and student services as part of the approval process for the UW System application to restructure UW Colleges and UW-Extension, which was submitted to the Higher Learning Commission on January 16, 2018, and which is scheduled for hearing on June 28, 2018. These actions included: (1) approval of new colleges at both UW-Milwaukee and UW-Whitewater, to house branch campuses in Rock, Washington, and Waukesha counties; (2) Acceptance of the UW Colleges Tenure Transfer Report; and (3) Approval for UW-Parkside to implement the UW Flex degree in Business Administration. All three resolutions were unanimously approved by the Education Committee.

(1) Establishment of New Colleges at UW-Milwaukee and UW-Whitewater. In support of the UW System Restructuring of UW Colleges and UW-Extension, both UW-Milwaukee and UW-Whitewater submitted new college proposals. Specifically, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee proposed to establish a College of General Studies, and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater proposed to establish a College of Integrated Studies. Both new colleges will house the branch campuses, which currently are known as UW-Waukesha County, UW-Washington County, and UW-Rock County. The desired effective date for the new colleges is July 1, 2018, which aligns with the UW Colleges and UW-Extension Restructuring Initiative and the accreditation requirements set forth by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

(2) Acceptance of the UW Colleges Tenure Transfer Report. The UW Colleges Tenure Transfer Report was developed and submitted for Board of Regents acceptance by the UW Colleges in collaboration with the seven UW institutions, which will receive tenured faculty members from the UW Colleges as part of the Restructuring Initiative on July 1, 2018. The Report memorializes the legally protected job security rights of the tenured faculty members from the UW Colleges. Each faculty member who is listed in the report has already been granted tenure by the UW System Board of Regents, pursuant to s. 36.13, Wis. Stats. and s. UWS 3.06, Wis. Admin. Code.

(3) Approval of the UW Flexible Option Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) degree at UW-Parkside. The BSBA degree program previously was approved by the UW System Board of Regents on June 10, 2016. The BSBA degree currently is offered through the Division of Continuing Education, Outreach and E-Learning (CEOEL) at UW-Extension, which will move to the UW System Administration on July 1, 2018. Due to HLC accreditation requirements, the UW System cannot offer academic degree programs, and thus, this degree program must move to an accredited institution. UW-

Parkside sought approval to host this degree program because it: will support the institution's mission, complements current curricular offerings, and will meet demonstrated student need. Regent Millner noted that this is a very important transfer and she personally thanked Chancellor Ford for accepting the program.

Vilas Trust Fund Proffer Request: The Committee unanimously approved the proffer from the Trustees of the William F. Vilas Trust Estate for \$9,893,364.00 for fiscal year 2018-2019. These funds will support student scholarships, student fellowships, academic programs, Vilas Research Professorships, and Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professorships at both UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee in Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, and Music. In addition, the Trustees have offered to contribute \$1,018,666.19 to the special fund for the construction of a music performance building adjacent to the Chazen Museum at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Trustees also informed President Cross that they are holding unallocated income of \$3,753,332.99 from the net income for the fiscal year that ended on March 31, 2018. Therefore, they expect to receive from the Regents a supplemental request for part, or all, of this unallocated income. Accordingly, President Cross is working with UW-Madison to develop a supplemental request for submission to both the Board of Regents and Vilas Trustees at the August 2018 meeting.

Regent Policy Document (RPD) Review: RPDs 14-6, 14-7, 24-1 and 24-3. The Committee unanimously approved three resolutions submitted by the Board of Regents Secretary's Office, which sought approval to revise, and remove obsolete, Regent Policy Documents. The UW System Board of Regents codifies its policies in Regent Policy Documents (RPDs), which it adopts under the authority granted in Chapter 36, Wis. Stats. In February 2011, the President of the Board of Regents formally announced a process to review and update the RPDs. Under this process, the original purpose of each policy is analyzed to determine whether the policy is still relevant, and to determine the likely impact of any proposed revision. Accordingly, the Education Committee approved revisions to RPD 14-6, "Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation, and to remove RPD 14-7, "Implementation of Statute on Discrimination Against Students." The Committee also authorized the Executive Director and Corporate Secretary of the Office of the Board of Regents to remove, due to obsolescence, RPDs 24-1, "Coeducational Housing," and 24-3, "Residence Halls Visitation."

UW System Appointments to the Natural Areas Preservation Council (NAPC): The Committee unanimously approved two council members to the NAPC for three-year terms, including the reappointment of Dr. David J. Mladenoff, and the new appointment of Dr. Donald M. Waller. Both appointees are professors at UW-Madison. The UW System is one of five appointing institutions for the NAPC. The Council's eleven members are appointed for three-year terms by their respective institutions. The other appointing institutions include the: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters; Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction; and Milwaukee Public Museum.

Presentation by the Provost Task Force: A working group of four Provosts completed a presentation for the Education Committee. They included: Aaron Brower, UW-Extension;

Johannes Britz, UW-Milwaukee; Greg Summers, UW-Stevens Point; and Jacalyn Weissenburger, UW-Superior. This presentation advanced the process that was developed by the Education Committee for considering issues related to licensure and teacher education in the State of Wisconsin.

Presentation by Dr. Johannes Britz, Provost, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: Provost Britz delivered a presentation entitled: "Our Path Forward: Strategic Investment in an Outstanding Learning Environment." Vice Provost Dr. Phyllis King joined Provost Britz to discuss the UWMKE Math Reform Initiative, which includes math pathways, as well as co-requisite programming to include remediation efforts within credit-bearing courses.