

**RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS**

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Madison, Wisconsin

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**CALLING OF THE ROLL** [\[Video: 00:00:09\]](#)

PRESENT: Regents Robert Atwell, Scott Beightol, José Delgado, Michael Grebe, Eve Hall, Mike Jones, Tracey Klein, Becky Levzow, Edmund Manydeeds, Janice Mueller, Andrew Petersen, Cris Peterson, Jason Plante, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Torrey Tiedeman, Karen Walsh, Gerald Whitburn, and Olivia Woodmansee

UNABLE TO ATTEND: None

Before considering any items on the open session agenda, President Petersen asked if any Board members wished to declare any conflicts of interest as per Regent Policy Document 2-4, "Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy for the UW System Board of Regents." No conflicts of interests were declared. However, during the Business and Finance Committee report, Regent Scott Beightol recused himself from discussing or voting on Resolution 11247, "UW-Milwaukee Contractual Agreement with Rockwell Automation, Inc." due to a potential conflict of interest.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** [\[Video: 00:00:54\]](#)

Regent Whitburn moved approval of the minutes of the June 6-7, 2019 Board of Regents meeting. The motion was seconded by Regent Tiedeman and adopted on a voice vote.

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## **INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSITIES' DELEGATION FROM HESSEN, GERMANY**

[\[Video: 00:01:10\]](#)

At President Petersen's invitation, President Cross welcomed visiting members of the higher education delegation of university presidents and other representatives from Hessen, Germany.

The Hessen-Wisconsin Program was initiated in 1998 and expanded the long-established cooperation between the two sister states by offering a formalized Student Exchange for all Hessen and Wisconsin institutions of higher education which seeks to further enhance international knowledge, cultural competencies, and linguistic skills on both sides. Over the years, more than 900 students from Wisconsin have studied in Hessen, while more than 500 students from Hessen have studied in Wisconsin.

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## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

**Report of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board** [\[Video: 00:04:32\]](#)

President Petersen said the July 9-10, 2019 report of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board would be provided at the Board's next meeting.

**Advocating for the UW System** [\[Video: 00:04:55\]](#)

In his first official report as President of the Board, President Petersen thanked his colleagues for their support and pledged, "I will continue to be a tenacious advocate for the UW System."

President Petersen noted that the UW System is Wisconsin's economic driver, returning \$23 for every dollar invested in the System, and is graduating a record number of students, the majority of whom build careers, raise families, and live in Wisconsin; and is producing groundbreaking research that creates and sustains companies and jobs.

Since he joined the Board in 2013, President Petersen said the Regents have taken numerous steps to restore accountability in the System; invested in high-growth science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs; and established key performance measures with a substantial emphasis on student success. He stated, "As board president, I will be a pragmatic leader focused on building on our momentum in these areas. Specifically, I want to emphasize the overlapping goals of student success and driving the Wisconsin economy."

President Petersen expressed support for growing high-impact practices like undergraduate research and internships that help students progress toward a degree, better understand their subject matter, and provide the kind of workforce readiness employers are looking for. He said it is also time for the Board of Regents to take a closer look at behavioral health on UW campuses. One of his initial priorities is to ensure all the UW campuses are employing best practices, both operationally and financially, to help campus communities succeed in combatting this unfortunate epidemic.

Noting that the Republican-led legislature and Democratic Governor Tony Evers – a former Regent and lifelong educator – had just completed the state’s biennial budget process, President Petersen stated, “While we didn’t receive everything we sought, we are very pleased the legislature and the Governor recognize how important it is to repair, renovate, and replace our aging infrastructure – especially in key STEM fields. An over \$1 billion-dollar infusion of capital project investments is the accelerant our campuses and Wisconsin’s economy needs – and it comes at exactly the right time.”

President Petersen observed that the UW System’s institutions offer some of the most affordable tuition in the Midwest and the nation. He then announced the launch of a statewide campaign to highlight the incredible value for students, families, and taxpayers that is provided by every institution of the University of Wisconsin System. Starting in September, the Board of Regents will be joining forces with System leadership, chancellors, business and community leaders, campus community members, legislators, and students to mobilize the UW System’s “All In Wisconsin” initiative.

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## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SYSTEM**

### **News from Around the UW System [\[Video: 00:10:55\]](#)**

President Cross began his report by sharing some news from around the UW System through a video presentation.

### **Faculty Spotlight [\[Video: 00:16:33\]](#)**

President Cross introduced Nicholas Bakken, an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at UW-La Crosse. Dr. Bakken received his undergraduate degree from UW-La Crosse, before going on to earn his master’s and Ph.D. from University of Delaware. Among his research interests are criminal offending across the life course, desistance from crime, substance abuse, and juvenile delinquency.

Following a brief video presentation, Dr. Bakken discussed his collaborative efforts with numerous partners – including courts, prisons, police departments, school districts, and health providers – aimed at making local community justice programs more effective and evidence-based.

Dr. Bakken said this type of collaborative work by faculty is necessary and results in numerous internships, research grants, and networking opportunities for students. He added that bringing real issues affecting the community into the classroom gets students excited and helps them learn about complex, multi-faceted community problems and their impacts on actual people.

Dr. Bakken concluded, “Students can take the skills, the knowledge, and the experience gained from their UWL education and use it to effect positive social change at a larger level. To me, this is the essence of the Wisconsin Idea.”

### **Update on the Biennial Budget Process** [\[Video: 00:29:12\]](#)

President Cross reported that Governor Evers recently signed the 2019-21 state budget. He noted that the capital portion of the budget remained almost entirely intact, providing over \$1.2 billion in “critical and long overdue” capital investment in the UW institutions. He expressed his appreciation to Governor Evers and legislative leaders, especially Representatives John Nygren and Mark Born and Senator Alberta Darling.

President Cross highlighted the inclusion of a 2-percent compensation increase in each year of the biennium, calling it “crucial” for the UW System’s ability to recruit and retain talent. On the operational side, he said System leadership will work closely with the Board of Regents to develop a plan to bring before Joint Finance and the Administration to invest the \$45 million made available through the Joint Finance supplemental account.

President Cross stated, “We remain concerned that the funding provided will not allow us to make the investments necessary to maintain and expand the quality of the educational experience our students and our state expect and need. Preserving this quality as tuition remains frozen for its seventh and eighth year – or eleventh and twelfth year for the two-year campuses – does require an operational investment, and this will continue to be a priority for the UW System.”

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### **REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE** [\[Video: 00:31:30\]](#)

President Petersen called upon Regent Whitburn to present the report of the Audit Committee.

Regent Whitburn reported that the Audit Committee heard from Chief Audit Executive Lori Stortz, who reviewed the progress to date on the FY2020 Audit Plan; management's responses to audit reports; and the current status and emerging themes of the System Security and Access Audits.

Regent Whitburn said the Audit Committee continued its review of the Legislative Audit Bureau's Report 19-5 regarding the UW System's actions to improve upon the management and transparency of its relationships with foundations and other affiliated organizations. The committee heard from Vice President for Finance Sean Nelson and Senior Associate Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer Shenita Brokenburr, who addressed the LAB report's comments and recommendations related to tuition and enrollment trends, program revenue balance reporting, and personnel systems. The Audit Committee will hold a special meeting in early August to review the UW System's proposed response to the LAB report.

Finally, Regent Whitburn said General Counsel Quinn Williams introduced Sarah Harebo, the UW System's new Title IX and Clery Administrator. Ms. Harebo discussed her goal of building the Office of Compliance into a resource for all UW institutions and how she will use an enterprise-wide approach to implement Title IX policies within the UW System.

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## **REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** [\[Video: 00:36:38\]](#)

President Petersen called upon Regent Mueller to present a report of the actions taken by the Business and Finance Committee.

Regent Mueller reported that the Business and Finance Committee approved four contracts, two for UW-Milwaukee and two for UW-Madison.

Regent Mueller said the Business and Finance Committee next received an update from UW System Senior Associate Vice President Shenita Brokenburr and UW-Madison Chief Human Resources Officer Mark Walters on the ongoing Title and Total Compensation Study.

Regent Mueller indicated that the Business and Finance Committee also received and approved a semi-annual status update on large and vital information technology projects. Associate Vice President Stephen Hopper reported that the majority of projects are on-time and on-budget.



Finally, the committee heard an update from Vice President for Administration Rob Cramer and Vice President for Finance Sean Nelson about ongoing projects, including the UW System restructuring as well as the launch of UW-Shared Services.

Regent Mueller moved for the adoption of Resolutions 11246, 11247, 11248, 11249, and 11250. The motion was seconded by Regent Whitburn and approved on a voice vote. (Regent Beightol abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest related to Resolution 11247.)

### **UW-Milwaukee Contractual Agreement with Wisconsin Electric Power Company**

Resolution 11246 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Master Sponsored Research Agreement between the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Wisconsin Electric Power Company. This contract has a six and one-half year term, with an option to extend, and an effective date of July 13, 2019.

### **UW-Milwaukee Contractual Agreement with Rockwell Automation, Inc.**

Resolution 11247 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual membership agreement between the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Rockwell Automation, Inc., to establish guidelines and processes under which third parties may become members of the Connected Systems Institute founded at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The agreement is effective July 13, 2019 for a minimum term of five years.

### **UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Viewpoint Therapeutics**

Resolution 11248 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual Master Fee-For-Service Agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Viewpoint Therapeutics for a five-year term.

**UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research Inari Agriculture Inc., KWS SAAT SE, and Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC**

Resolution 11249 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual research agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research, Inari Agriculture Inc., KWS SAAT SE, and Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC. This contract was effective December 31, 2018 for a period of three years.

**Review and Approval of UW System Information Technology Status Report on Large/Vital Information Technology Projects**

Resolution 11250 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves: (1) the UW System Information Technology Status Report on Large/Vital Information Technology Projects dated June 1, 2019, which describes the implementation status of information technology projects Systemwide; and (2) UW System Administration's submittal of the report on the Board's behalf to the legislative Joint Committee on Information Policy and Technology, as required by s. 36.59(7), Wis. Stats.

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**REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

[\[Video: 00:41:29\]](#)

President Petersen called upon Regent Klein to present a report of the actions taken by the Education Committee.

In an effort to promote educational excellence, oversight and collaboration, Regent Klein announced that the Education Committee would invite provosts to join the Committee members at their table during future meetings, and would also return to the practice of hearing annual presentations of campus academic plans and strategic enrollment initiatives.

Regent Klein reported that the Education Committee approved eight new academic degree programs at UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-Madison, UW-Platteville, UW-River Falls, and UW-Whitewater. She noted that these programs respond to workforce demand related to rapidly expanding professions in biomedical engineering, public health,

psychology, innovation and design, strategic management, and higher education leadership.

The Education Committee also approved faculty policies and procedures relating to faculty layoff and termination for UW-La Crosse and UW-Platteville.

Regent Klein said Interim Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Karen Schmitt provided the Education Committee with updates on the UW System Digital Learning Environment and the UW System Task Force for Advancing Teachers and School Leaders for Wisconsin. The task force will report to the full Board of Regents at its December 2019 meeting.

Regent Klein announced that the Education Committee would add updates from UW-Milwaukee Provost Johannes Britz on the UW System's Freshwater Collaborative initiative as a standing item on future agendas.

Finally, Regent Klein thanked Interim Vice President Schmitt for her service and announced that finalist for the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs position would soon be interviewed.

Regent Klein moved for the adoption of Resolutions 11251, 11252, 11253, 11254, 11255, 11256, 11257, 11258, 11259, and 11260. The motion was seconded by Regent Hall and approved on a voice vote.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering, UW-Eau Claire**

Resolution 11251      That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Eau Claire and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Public Health, UW-Eau Claire**

Resolution 11252      That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Eau Claire and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science in Public Health at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Sport, Exercise, and Performance Psychology, UW-Green Bay**

Resolution 11253 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Green Bay and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Sport, Exercise, and Performance Psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Design Plus Innovation, UW-Madison**

Resolution 11254 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Design Plus Innovation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Strategic Management, UW-Platteville**

Resolution 11255 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Platteville and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Strategic Management at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Biomedical and Health Science, UW-River Falls**

Resolution 11256 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-River Falls and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical and Health Science at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Strength and Conditioning, UW-River Falls**

Resolution 11257 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-River Falls and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Strength and Conditioning at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Education in Higher Education Leadership, UW-Whitewater**

Resolution 11258 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Whitewater and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Education in Higher Education Leadership at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

**Approval of the UW-La Crosse Faculty Policies and Procedures relating to Faculty Layoff and Termination**

Resolution 11259 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Faculty Policies and Procedures relating to Faculty Layoff and Termination.

**Approval of the UW-Platteville Faculty Policies and Procedures relating to Faculty Layoff and Termination**

Resolution 11260 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Faculty Policies and Procedures relating to Faculty Layoff and Termination.

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**REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CAPITAL PLANNING AND BUDGET COMMITTEE [\[Video: 00:46:56\]](#)**

President Petersen called upon Regent Jones to present a report of the actions taken by the Capital Planning and Budget Committee.

Regent Jones reported that the Capital Planning and Budget Committee received an update from Associate Vice President Alex Roe regarding recent State Building Commission actions, as well as the 2019-21 capital budget which was recently signed into law. Act 9 provides \$1,030,626,000 in funding for four programs and 14 major projects, and advanced planning funds for six other major projects. He noted that this does not include any Statewide All Agency funding that the Department of Administration may assign to the UW System.

Regent Jones presented six resolutions approved by the Capital Planning and Budget Committee and moved for their adoption. The motion was seconded by Regent Beightol and approved on a voice vote.

**Authority to Enter Into a Lease of Space for the Division of Information Technology, UW-Madison**

Resolution 11261 That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to enter into a new lease of 7,744 GSF of office space between the Board of Regents and KW Delta, LLC for the Division of Information Technology.

**Authority to Construct 2017-19 Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology Improvement Program Projects, UW System**

Resolution 11262 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the allocation of the 2017-19 Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology Improvement Program funds be approved and authority be granted to construct the related projects at an estimated total cost of \$1,672,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing of the originally enumerated \$10,000,000 GFSB and allow the Division of Facilities Development to transfer balances, adjust individual project budgets, and add or substitute other high-priority Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology projects within authorized funding.

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

Resolution 11263 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 \$5,583,900 (\$2,287,100 General Fund Supported Borrowing; \$245,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing; and \$3,051,800 Agency Cash).

**Authority to Execute the Remainder of the Design Contract and Construct the UW-Managed Red Gym Renovation Project, UW-Madison**

Resolution 11264 That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to execute the remainder of the design contract and

construct the UW-managed Red Gym Renovation project for a total estimated project budget of \$2,000,000 Gift/Grant Funds.

**Approval to Rescind and Remove Regent Policy Document 19-7, “Development of Facilities in the University of Wisconsin Colleges”**

Resolution 11265 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents rescinds Regent Policy Document 19-7, “Development of Facilities in the University of Wisconsin Colleges” and directs the Executive Director and Corporate Secretary of the Office of the Board of Regents to remove the policy because it is obsolete.

**Authority to Rename the University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac, the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley, and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh**

Resolution 11266 That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Oshkosh Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to rename (1) University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac “University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Fond du Lac Campus,” (2) University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley, “University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Fox Cities Campus,” and (3) University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, “University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Oshkosh Campus.”

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**REPORT OF THE RESEARCH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE [\[Video: 00:52:34\]](#)**

President Petersen called upon Regent Atwell to present a report of the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee.

Regent Atwell reported that the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee heard presentations from several UW System partners and colleagues, beginning with an update on the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation’s efforts to build stronger industry-university collaborations by WEDC Chief Operating Officer Tricia Braun and Vice President of Sector Strategy Development Vincent Rice.

The Committee next heard from Buckley Brinkman, Executive Director/CEO of the Wisconsin Center for Manufacturing & Productivity, who provided an update on WCMP’s efforts to build successful manufacturing businesses during a time of increasing global competition and workforce shortages.

Regent Atwell said the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee also heard from Mark Lange and Idella Yamben from the UW System's Institute for Business & Entrepreneurship about the success of the Ideadvance Seed Fund, which offers mentorship programs to lean start-up businesses.

Finally, Regent Atwell said the committee received a brief update from Rebecca Deschane, the UW-System/WEDC joint liaison for talent development, on current and planned efforts to strengthen talent development, attraction, and retention initiatives across the state. These efforts include expanding career and internship initiatives for students, community and business engagement, and outreach to alumni, veterans, and young professionals.

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**EARLY BRAIN DEVELOPMENT AND ITS IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY** [\[Video: 00:59:02\]](#)

Regent Petersen welcomed Regent Emeritus S. Mark Tyler, chair of the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment and a member of the Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council, who led a discussion on investments in early childhood development and education as a critical first step in workforce development and expanding the higher education pipeline.

Regent Emeritus Tyler introduced Dr. Dipesh Navsaria from the Department of Pediatrics at the UW-Madison School of Medicine & Public Health, as well as Dennis Winters, Wisconsin's chief economist and director of the Bureau of Workforce Information & Technical Supports at the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

**Presentation by Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, Department of Pediatrics, UW-Madison School of Medicine & Public Health** [\[Video: 01:01:15\]](#)

Dr. Navsaria provided an overview of the science of early brain development, discussed how adverse childhood experiences can lead to developmental delays and long-term behavioral and health issues, and shared recommendations on how to support positive early childhood development.

**Presentation by Dennis Winters, Director of the Bureau of Workforce Information & Technical Supports, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development** [\[Video: 01:24:33\]](#)

Mr. Winters discussed the growing demand for an educated and trained labor force in Wisconsin and shared data about how investments in early childhood education can produce high returns for the economy.



## **Conclusion and Discussion** [\[Video: 01:40:10\]](#)

Regent Emeritus Tyler stated, “As Wisconsin struggles with demographics impacting our workforce, we can’t allow any child to not achieve their full potential. It’s an economic, social, and moral imperative that our state address this – not investing in early childhood locks in Wisconsin’s achievement gap.”

Dr. Navsaria and Mr. Winters answered questions from the Regents about the importance of parent education to early child development, addressing behavioral health issues in young adults, and communication with legislators and other stakeholders on the need to invest in early child development.

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## **UW-GREEN BAY NCAA DIVISION I ATHLETICS 2018-19 REPORT** [\[Video: 01:54:02\]](#)

Since 2012, the Board of Regents has called for UW institutions that participate in NCAA Division I athletics to annually provide updates to the Board regarding academic, fiscal, and compliance matters. The UW System has three institutions with Division I NCAA athletics programs: UW-Madison, UW-Green Bay, and UW-Milwaukee.

Following an introduction by UW-Green Bay Chancellor Gary Miller, Athletic Director Charles Guthrie provided an overview of his department’s recent efforts focused on strategic revenue generation, fan engagement, and effective leadership.

Following his presentation, Athletic Director Guthrie and Chancellor Miller answered questions from the Regents about student athlete graduation rates, the Horizon League’s recommendation that UW-Green Bay hire an additional FTE position focusing on academics, and the Athletic Department’s 2018-19 financial performance.

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## **NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY HEARING ON ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SCOPE STATEMENT FOR CHAPTER UWS 17** [\[Video: 02:11:15\]](#)

In October of 2017, the Board of Regents adopted Regent Policy Document (RPD) 4-21, “Commitment to Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression.” The policy includes provisions for mandatory sanctions for students found responsible for multiple violations of the policy. In order to fully effectuate the policy, the Board must pursue changes to Chapter UWS 17, which does not currently provide for mandatory sanctions for repeat violators of the policy.

The process for changing administrative rules requires Board approval of a public hearing notice on a scope statement that describes revisions to the administrative rule. This preliminary hearing and comment period is an initial step of a multi-step process which, at some point, will include additional opportunities for a public hearing and for the Board to review proposed changes to Chapter UWS 17 before eventual submission to the Governor and the legislature.

Regent Whitburn moved for the adoption of Resolution 11267. The motion was seconded by Regent Beightol. Following brief discussion, the resolution was adopted on a voice vote.

### **Approval of Notice of Preliminary Hearing on Administrative Code Scope Statement for Chapter UWS 17**

Resolution 11267     That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves a Notice of Preliminary Public Hearing on a scope statement for the revision of Ch. UWS 17, Wis. Admin. Code, "Nonacademic Student Misconduct."

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### **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR UW-STOUT CHANCELLOR BOB MEYER'S SERVICE WITHIN THE UW SYSTEM [\[Video: 02:24:45\]](#)**

President Petersen called upon Regent Plante to present the Board's resolution of appreciation to UW-Stout Chancellor Bob Meyer for his service to the UW System.

Regent Plante said Chancellor Meyer's "innovation, collegiality, and good humor" would be missed at UW-Stout and across the UW System. He then read aloud the Board's resolution of appreciation, which was adopted by acclamation:

### **Resolution of Appreciation for UW-Stout Chancellor Bob Meyer's Service Within the UW System**

Resolution 11268     WHEREAS, Robert (Bob) Meyer has served in an exemplary fashion at the University of Wisconsin–Stout for 32 years, including five years as the institution's seventh chancellor; and

WHEREAS, Bob's career at UW-Stout began as a student in the 1970s, and continued as an instructor, faculty member, college dean, and special assistant to the chancellor; and Bob also served with distinction for six years as president of Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, before returning to UW-Stout in August 2014 as chancellor; and

WHEREAS, one of Bob's main goals was to increase the fundraising capacity of the Stout University Foundation and, as a result, he helped lead the foundation successfully through its first major comprehensive campaign; and

WHEREAS, Bob has been diligent in strengthening and expanding UW-Stout's connections with its business and industry partners through his service on many state, regional, and local boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, Bob has promoted at every possible occasion the overwhelming success of UW-Stout students in the job market, taking pride in the fact that the employment rate has risen during each year of his administration, to 98.7 percent this year; and

WHEREAS, during Bob's tenure, four new undergraduate programs were added – in mechanical engineering; digital marketing technology; biochemistry and molecular biology; and video production – and electrical engineering was added to the computer engineering major; and

WHEREAS, Bob made addressing the salary inequities of UW-Stout's faculty and staff a major priority in advocating with legislators and the governor, and welcomed the pay package enacted in 2017-19 as helping address that issue; and

WHEREAS, Bob holds two degrees from UW-Stout, as does his wife, Debbie, and their daughter Erica is also a UW-Stout alumna, while their daughter Melly is a UW-Madison alumna, meaning that the UW will always be a part of the Meyer family;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby offers sincere gratitude to Chancellor Bob Meyer for his service and dedication to UW-Stout, Wisconsin's Polytechnic University, wishes him and his wife, Debbie, a long and happy retirement, and grants him the status and title of Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin–Stout.

Chancellor Meyer shared some brief observations and suggestions in his farewell remarks. First, he noted that the UW System's current fiscal trajectory is not sustainable: "We cannot maintain our quality of education and meet the growing needs of our students and employers with diminished enrollments, frozen tuition, and lackluster state aid."

Observing that faculty and staff salaries at the UW System continue to lag below their peers, Chancellor Meyer recommended that the System pursue increased compensation as a priority. He stated, "There is nothing more satisfying than having worked with the dedicated and talented faculty and staff across this great System that are transforming the lives of students and impacting Wisconsin's economy on a daily basis."

Chancellor Meyer also encouraged his colleagues to continue working with elected officials to help them understand the value of a UW diploma: "Our graduates become tomorrow's inventors, scientists, entrepreneurs, business leaders, managers, and designers. They are creators of the next economy." He added that investing in the UW System is a wise use of tax dollars, citing the UW System's \$24 billion impact on the economy in 2018 – a 23:1 return on investment.

Chancellor Meyer concluded, "It has been an enormous privilege to have worked with you and to have served as a Chancellor in the UW System. I will always be Stout Proud."

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## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR REGENT EMERITUS REGINA MILLNER'S SERVICE ON THE UW SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS** [\[Video: 02:38:26\]](#)

Stating that Regent Emeritus Regina Millner has been a "tireless and dedicated advocate for the UW System," President Petersen invited a special guest to help showcase her service on the UW System Board of Regents: Michael Falbo, Regent Emeritus and past president of the Board of Regents.

Regent Emeritus Falbo said, "The two things that I want to say about Regina – that I admired the most about working with her – are that she was so willing to share what she knows, and she was so willing to admit what she doesn't know. Those are special qualities."

President Petersen noted that, as President and Vice President, Michael Falbo and Regina Millner together chartered the course for many policy improvements and structural alterations, modernizing the UW System's governance and leaving a lasting legacy that would serve the Board well for the future that lies ahead.

President Petersen told Regent Emeritus Millner, "As we celebrate seven years of distinguished service to the UW System and State of Wisconsin, take great pleasure in knowing you have broadened the UW System's reputation and partnerships across Wisconsin, Washington D.C., and the nation – and you have without question established your destiny of exemplary service and meaningful stewardship."

President Petersen then read aloud the Board's resolution of appreciation, which was adopted by acclamation:

**Resolution of Appreciation for Regent Emeritus Regina Millner's Service on the UW System Board of Regents**

Resolution 11269      WHEREAS, Regina M. Millner provided sound stewardship and wise counsel during her seven years as a member of the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, including serving as Vice President of the Board from June 2013 to June 2015 and President from June 2015 to June 2017; and

WHEREAS, through her service as chair and vice chair of the Education Committee, Regina initiated a strategic planning exercise that led to a series of presentations on how the UW System can meet Wisconsin's workforce needs in teacher education, and called for the creation of the UW System Task Force for Advancing Teachers and School Leaders for Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, through serving on the Audit Committee and Capital Planning and Budget Committee, Regina worked to increase the UW System's efficient stewardship of fiscal and capital resources and its responsiveness to the educational needs of all Wisconsin citizens; and

WHEREAS, as President, Regina served on the Task Force on Tenure Policy (2015) and appointed the Task Forces on Tuition-setting Policy (2015) and Campus Climate (2016), the latter of which was to evaluate and make recommendations to improve the overall college experience of UW System students – with a particular focus on underrepresented minority students; and

WHEREAS, Regina broadened the UW System's partnerships, collaborations, and outreach as the Regent representative to the Hospital Authority Board and liaison to the Association of Governing Boards, and also served as the Regent member of the Higher Educational Aids Board, the Wisconsin Educational Communications Board, and the Research Park Board; and

WHEREAS, Regina is a proud alumna of UW-Madison, where she earned a Master of Science in Real Estate and Urban Land Economics from the UW-Madison School of Business and a Juris Doctor from the UW Law School, and her involvement with UW-Madison includes serving as past board chair of the Wisconsin Alumni Association, as well as serving on the UW-Madison Athletic Board, Wisconsin Real Estate Alumni Association, Chazen Art Museum Council, and Chancellor's Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Regina recognized the talent, potential, and excellence of future campus leadership as a member of the Special Regent Search Committees for UW-Madison, UW-Oshkosh, and UW-Whitewater Chancellors, and remains committed to serving as a voice for the needs of UW System stakeholders;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System highly commends and honors Regent Emerita Regina M. Millner for her distinguished tenure, her commitment to the Wisconsin Idea, and her service to the UW System, its students and staff, and the citizens of Wisconsin.

Regent Emeritus Millner observed that today's challenges to higher education have not changed since she joined the Board seven years ago: keeping up with a continuous stream of new technology, delivery systems, and innovative practices; contending with the cost of education, including factors like tuition, time-to-degree, cost containment, and financial literacy for students and their families; and the need for students – traditional and nontraditional – to acquire skills, knowledge, and competencies for today's jobs and unknown jobs of the future.

Regent Emeritus Millner stated, "Ours is a university system that is engaged, involved, and committed to its students and to the State of Wisconsin as a whole. Our institutions are bringing to bear the intellect, the innovative thinking, the work ethic of the people of Wisconsin. I have watched as institutions and their faculty, staff and students have leveraged resources to identify and resolve key issues facing our state and facing our nation. I am so very proud of these institutions that are educating – in the broadest sense of that term – the citizens and the workforce of tomorrow. Isn't this the very essence of the Wisconsin Idea – an idea, a truth, that is as relevant today as it was a century ago?"

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## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR REGENT EMERITUS MARK TYLER'S SERVICE ON THE UW SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS**

[\[Video: 03:00:02\]](#)

President Petersen called upon Interim Vice President of Corporate Relations and Economic Engagement David Brukardt to present the Board's resolution of appreciation to Regent Emeritus Mark Tyler for his service to the UW System.

Interim Vice President Brukardt said Regent Emeritus Tyler "knows how to create the lift that motivates and energizes those who work with him to produce results, even when the odds are long, the resources scarce, and the deadlines short." He noted that Regent Emeritus Tyler was a champion of undergraduate research, technology transfer, and many

related high impact practices that help drive student success through his work on the Board's Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee.

Interim Vice President Brukaradt then read aloud the Board's resolution of appreciation, which was adopted by acclamation:

**Resolution of Appreciation for Regent Emeritus S. Mark Tyler's Service on the UW System Board of Regents**

Resolution 11270     WHEREAS, S. Mark Tyler has dedicated four additional years of exemplary service as a Regent of the University of Wisconsin System, from 2015 to 2017 as the designee of the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board, and from 2017 to 2019 as the President of the WTCS Board; and

WHEREAS, Mark previously served on the Board of Regents from 2011 to 2013 as an ex-officio member during his first term as WTCS Board President and has continually worked to enhance the partnership of these two nationally recognized public higher education systems, both of which are critical to developing a highly skilled, 21st-century workforce for the state; and

WHEREAS, Mark served as an engaged member of the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation (REDI) Committee, including as vice chair, and also served as the selection committee chair for the Regent Scholar grants, both leadership positions that supported research activities at UW institutions and strengthened ties between the university system and Wisconsin businesses; and

WHEREAS, Mark served as a member of the Personnel Matters Review Committee and the Education Committee, where he helped to maintain the high-quality academic programs for which UW System institutions are known worldwide; and

WHEREAS, as chair of the Diversity Awards Committee for three years, Mark has helped honor educators across the UW System for their work supporting student success for all student populations, and as a member of the Academic Staff Excellence Awards Committee, Mark has recognized the important role played by academic staff in supporting student success; and

WHEREAS, Mark is currently helping to select future campus leadership as a member of the chancellor search committee for UW-Stout; and

WHEREAS, Mark is a lifelong advocate of education, workforce preparedness, and quality childcare programs, supporting the entirety of the educational pipeline and calling attention to the economic importance of investing in early childhood education;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby commends S. Mark Tyler for his continued service to the UW System and outstanding commitment to education in Wisconsin.

Regent Emeritus Tyler stated, "I appreciate the opportunities I've been afforded: to get to know faculty and the transformational work they do; to see research that promises to change our lives for the better; to see students find their passion and flourish."

Regent Emeritus Tyler said one area he wished the Board could have made more progress was in recognizing the work UW students complete at other institutions, especially at the technical colleges. Noting that students and parents do not understand when their credits from other institutions are not accepted at UW institutions, he said, "I believe there is room to do better for our students."

Regent Emeritus Tyler also shared that the area where he was most proud of his impact as a Regent was in the expansion of engineering programs in northwest Wisconsin. Stating that this will be extremely impactful for students and businesses in that region, he expressed appreciation for the collaboration between Chancellors Schmidt, Meyer, and Van Galen and the Northwestern Wisconsin Engineering Consortium.

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## **REGENT COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND MEMORIALS** [\[Video: 03:21:08\]](#)

There were no communications, petitions, or memorials.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

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Submitted by:

/s/ Jess Lathrop \_\_\_\_\_

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