

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

Friday, June 7, 2019  
9:00 a.m.

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UW-Milwaukee Union  
2200 East Kenwood Boulevard  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

-Vice President Petersen presiding-

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**CALLING OF THE ROLL** [[Video: 00:01](#)]

PRESENT: Regents Robert Atwell, Scott Beightol, José Delgado, Michael Grebe, Mike Jones, Tracey Klein, Janice Mueller, Andrew Petersen, Cris Peterson, Torrey Tiedeman, Mark Tyler, Karen Walsh, Gerald Whitburn, and Olivia Woodmansee

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regents Eve Hall, Edmund Manydeeds, Jason Plante, and Carolyn Stanford Taylor

Before considering any items on the open session agenda, Vice 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."

Regents Tracey Klein and Gerald Whitburn recused themselves from discussing or voting on Resolution 11217, "UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company," due to potential conflicts of interest.

Regents Scott Beightol and Mike Jones recused themselves from discussing or voting on Resolution 11218, "UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Pfizer, Inc.," due to potential conflicts of interest.

Regent Whitburn also recused himself from discussing or voting on Resolution 11219, "UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with GE Precision Healthcare LLC," due to a potential conflict of interest.

Regent Mark Tyler recused himself from discussing or voting on Resolution 11220, “UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Siemens Medical Solutions USA Inc.,” due to a potential conflict of interest.

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## **MINUTES AND REPORTS** [\[Video: 01:57\]](#)

The minutes of the April 4 & 5, 2019 and May 23, 2019 Board of Regents meetings and the April 30, 2019 Executive Committee meeting had been provided. Regent Whitburn moved approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Regent Woodmansee and adopted on a voice vote.

The report of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board had been provided. There were no comments or questions.

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## **REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD** [\[Video: 02:24\]](#)

### ***Update on UW-Whitewater and UW-Stout Chancellor Search Processes***

Vice President Petersen announced that Dwight C. Watson was named the new chancellor of UW-Whitewater. He thanked interim Chancellor Cheryl Green for leading the campus through this time of transition.

The Special Regent Committee for the UW-Stout Chancellor Search, chaired by Regent Jason Plante, has approved the chancellor position profile and the recruitment phase is officially underway. The target date for applications is September 13, after the university is back in session for the fall semester. Vice President Petersen thanked Provost Patrick Guilfoile for agreeing to serve as interim Chancellor after Chancellor Bob Meyer steps down in August.

### ***Spring 2019 Commencement***

Vice President Petersen noted that UW System institutions awarded more than 20,000 degrees at all levels in spring 2019, leading to a total of over 36,000 degrees awarded in 2018-19. This was the seventh consecutive year that UW institutions conferred more than 36,000 degrees to graduating students.

Vice President Petersen stated, “These graduates are the workers, the next generation of leaders, and the innovators that will define Wisconsin’s economy and culture moving forward,

and the education they received at one of our institutions will give them the tools to do so. On behalf of the entire board, I congratulate our graduates and wish them great success.”

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## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SYSTEM** [[Video: 05:00](#)]

Vice President Petersen invited President Cross to present his report.

### ***Student Spotlight*** [[Video: 05:28](#)]

President Cross introduced Alyssa Molinski, an early childhood education major at UW-Milwaukee who expects to receive her degree in December 2019.

Ms. Molinski, who grew up in Menomonee Falls, comes from a family of educators and intends to work in an area of greatest need, likely as a kindergarten or first grade teacher or as an English as a Second Language teacher. She completed her field work in a South Milwaukee elementary school in spring 2019.

Ms. Molinski also served as President of UWM’s Student Association in 2018-19 and has been very engaged in campus issues and concerns. She was recently recognized by the Milwaukee Bucks for her leadership.

In brief remarks, Ms. Molinski discussed her experiences with the UW System’s Advancing Teachers and School Leaders initiative, her advocacy for education and training for teachers related to trauma-informed care, and the opportunity she recently had to speak to the Joint Finance Committee about student support for the full funding of renovations to the UWM Student Union.

### ***News from Around the UW System*** [[Video: 10:27](#)]

President Cross next shared some news from around the UW System through a video presentation.

### ***Shared Governance Meetings*** [[Video: 16:24](#)]

Reporting that he had the opportunity to meet with shared governance groups from throughout the System over the past month, President Cross said he looked forward to building on these conversations going forward as they try to find ways to appropriately engage shared governance groups at the System level.

**State and Federal Policy Update** [[Video: 16:44](#)]

On the federal front, President Cross reported that the House Appropriations Committee has now considered all FY 2020 spending bills. The Labor-HHS-Education bill increases funding for federal Pell grants, Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity grants, the Federal Work-Study and TRIO programs. The Committee has also advanced a number of appropriations bills that increase funding for federal research agencies important to UW campuses.

President Cross said it is anticipated that the bills will be on the House floor for consideration before the end of June. In the meantime, the Senate is expected to begin moving appropriations bills in mid-June. Both the House Education and Labor Committee and the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee have also held hearings on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

President Cross indicated that the UW System continues to work with Wisconsin's delegation around the issues of student loan debt, simplification of the application for student financial aid, the introduction of competency-based education legislation, and finding a replacement solution for the Federal Perkins Loan Program.

On the state front, President Cross said the UW System's attention continues to center on the budget process: "As stated yesterday, our top priority at this juncture is to continue to advocate for an operating budget that supports the vital work that we do."

The UW System is also focused on securing a reasonable and solid capital budget. President Cross stated, "Our capital request provides real solutions to workforce issues, to increasing wages, and to attracting and retaining graduates. To successfully do that, students and employers reasonably expect modern classrooms that provide active instruction and opportunities to engage in productive research. This will require investments in renovation and repairs."

President Cross warned that without a strong capital budget, the UW System will see greater risks to safety, increasing maintenance costs, and greater difficulty competing for talented students and faculty. Over 60 percent of the UW System's physical infrastructure is between 45 and 70 years old, and maintenance backlogs are piling up with over \$1.5 billion at UW-Madison alone.

As the largest owner of physical space in the state, President Cross noted that the UW System's request applies to just 8 percent of its total portfolio and is focused on investing in STEM projects across the System to meet the state's biggest needs.

President Cross concluded, "The Legislature has an opportunity to meet Wisconsin's workforce demands by approving UW System projects that will ensure students, faculty and staff have a safe and productive environment, and we will continue to advocate with lawmakers to clearly spell out these needs and their urgency."

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## **REPORT OF THE RESEARCH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE** [\[Video: 21:22\]](#)

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

Regent Tyler reported that the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee heard two presentations. First, the WiSys Technology Foundation's progress report on faculty and undergraduate research, technology transfer, and commercialization initiatives, led by WiSys President Arjun Sanja and WiSys Regional and Licensing Associate Tony Hanson, highlighted a wide range of successful campus initiatives.

Regent Tyler said the committee also heard from a UW-Platteville student representing a team that invented an innovative rock-climbing device. With assistance from WiSys, their invention will be patented and licensed for sale through one or more outdoor recreation retailers.

Regent Tyler reported that the second presentation focused on inclusive and innovative approaches to teaching and learning, and on preparing students for jobs of the future in an increasingly diverse marketplace. Chancellor Mone, Vice Chancellor Joan Prince, and WiscAMP Project Director Anique Ruiz led a panel of students in discussing how UW-Milwaukee prepares underrepresented students to succeed in STEM majors and internships.

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## **REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

[\[Video: 26:20\]](#)

Vice President Petersen called upon Chair Regent Grebe to present a report of the actions taken by the Audit Committee.

Regent Grebe reported that Chief Audit Executive Lori Stortz reviewed the progress to date on the FY2019 Audit Plan and confirmed that except for one previously discussed item, all scheduled audits are expected to be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

Noting that Ms. Stortz also discussed the process used to develop the proposed FY2020 Audit Plan, Regent Grebe said the Audit Committee found it to be appropriately inclusive of various constituencies. In particular, the committee members favorably noted the continuing and increasing interplay among the audit function and the compliance, risk, and legal functions to better protect the interests of the UW System.

Regent Grebe then moved to adopt Resolution 11214, approval of the FY2020 Audit Plan. The motion was seconded by Regent Whitburn and approved on a voice vote.

## **UW System Administration Office of Internal Audit Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Plan**

Resolution 11214      That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Plan.

Regent Grebe said Ms. Stortz provided a summary of a recently-issued best practices letter associated with the System audit of Hazardous and Universal Waste, and also discussed the current status and some emerging themes of the System Security and Access audits.

Following the Varsity Blues admissions scandal affecting USC and other high-profile institutions, the Audit Committee invited Chancellor Blank and her team to discuss the UW-Madison admissions processes and safeguards. Chancellor Blank, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Steven Hahn, and Deputy Athletic Director Chris McIntosh provided a substantial review of the procedures, controls and training that have contributed toward UW-Madison's propriety and success in this area, including a description of the role that athletics does and does not play in the admissions process.

Regent Grebe reiterated that the Audit Committee has no reason to believe or suspect that UW-Madison was involved in, or is at risk of being involved in, any of the types of misconduct that have been reported elsewhere.

The Audit Committee also received a report from Ruth Anderson, Associate Vice President of Administrative Services, and Angela Ryan, Director of Risk Management, on the progress of the System Enterprise Risk Committee. For FY2020, this committee will focus on mitigation strategies for four risks: cybersecurity, data availability, physical safety and security, and Title IX.

Finally, Regent Grebe reported that UW System Director of Compliance Katie Ignatowski introduced Sarah Harebo as the System's new Title IX and Cleary Administrator. Ms. Ignatowski also provided an update regarding the development of her compliance workplan, which she expects to present to the Audit Committee in October.

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## **REPORT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND THE BUSINESS & FINANCE COMMITTEE [\[Video: 30:37\]](#)**

Regent Grebe also presented a report of the joint meeting of the Audit Committee and the Business & Finance Committee.

Regent Grebe reported that Vicki VanDenBerg and Michael Baker from Plante Moran briefed the joint committees on the FY2019 External Audit Engagement. Included in the update was a



description of their audit approach and discussion regarding timing and key dates. Using a risk-based appraisal, Plante Moran looked at account processes, controls, and internal audits to identify the highest risks, particularly those involving high-dollar and high-volume transactions.

Regent Grebe indicated that Plante Moran will return to discuss the findings with the joint committees once the audit is completed.

In response to Legislative Audit Bureau reports, Vice President for Finance Sean Nelson and Associate Vice President for Capital Planning and Budget Alex Roe presented to the joint committees on foundations and other affiliated organizations within the UW System. Regent Grebe noted that these organizations advance the UW System and its institutions, promoting them to varied audiences, and may provide aid through scholarships, research funding, capital investments, and other general support – easing the student and taxpayer burden.

Regent Grebe said Vice President Nelson and Associate Vice President Roe focused on: 1) communications and trainings by UW System and the Board of Regents improving the management and transparency of its relationships with primary fundraising foundations, real estate foundations, and other affiliated organizations; 2) the governing policies for these organizations, and 3) the nature and extent of appropriate oversight responsibilities of the UW System, the Board of Regents, and institutions.

General Counsel Quinn Williams discussed related proposed changes to Appendix A of Regent Policy Document 21-9 which would clarify the UW System's responsibilities for review of financial submittals by foundations to institutions, and the UW System's and the Board of Regents' oversight and responsibilities for foundation real estate projects. Regent Grebe indicated that the proposed changes were tabled for consideration at the July Board of Regents meeting.

Regent Grebe concluded that due to time constraints, Vice President Nelson's summary of the UW System's responses to other aspects of the Legislative Audit Bureau's FY17-18 Financial Audit was not covered and would be rescheduled for a future meeting.

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## **REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** [\[Video: 34:03\]](#)

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

Regent Whitburn reported that the Business and Finance Committee received a briefing from UW-Milwaukee Vice Chancellor Robin Van Harpen on her team's efforts to ensure financial stability on the campus during a time of much change and limited resources.

After approving a number of contracts, the Business and Finance Committee was briefed by Vice President Sean Nelson and staff from the State of Wisconsin Investment Board concerning the market performance of the UW System's \$582-million-portfolio during the third quarter of FY2019.

Regent Whitburn said the committee received an update about the UW System's Shared Financial System and Human Resource System preplanning project, with a report to the full Board scheduled for the July meeting.

The committee also received an update on Katherine Mayer's ongoing efforts to lead the strengthening of the UW System's IT security platform. Regent Whitburn noted that several campuses will be involved in this project, which will include an enterprise-wide incident response tabletop exercise.

Regent Whitburn then turned the floor over to Vice Chair Regent Atwell, who moved for the adoption of Resolutions 11215 and 11216, relating to bookstore contracts. The motion was seconded by Regent Beightol and approved on a voice vote.

**UW-La Crosse Bookstore and Textbook Rental Services Agreement with Follett Higher Education Group Inc.**

Resolution 11215      That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Bookstore Services and Textbook Rental Services contractual agreement between the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, doing business as the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, and Follett Higher Education Group Inc. to provide Bookstore and Textbook Rental Services for a period of one (1) year, effective July 1, 2019 with six (6) one-year renewal options.

**UW-Stevens Point University Store and Text Rental Agreement with Barnes & Noble College**

Resolution 11216      That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the University Store and Text Rental contractual agreement between the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, doing business as the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and Barnes & Noble College to provide University Store and Text Rental Services for a period of one (1) year, effective July 1, 2019 with six (6) one-year renewal options.

Regent Atwell next moved for the adoption of Resolution 11217, related to UW-Madison's contractual agreement with ExxonMobil. The motion was seconded by Regent Mueller and

approved on a voice vote. Regents Klein and Whitburn abstained from voting due to potential conflicts of interest.

#### **UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company**

Resolution 11217 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 agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company for a period from June 1, 2019, through May 31, 2021.

Regent Atwell next moved for the adoption of Resolution 11218, related to UW-Madison's contractual agreement with Pfizer, Inc. The motion was seconded by Regent Grebe and approved on a voice vote. Regents Beightol and Jones abstained from voting due to potential conflicts of interest.

#### **UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Pfizer, Inc.**

Resolution 11218 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 agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Pfizer, Inc. with a required five-year review by the Board of Regents if the contract is still in effect as of June 2024.

Regent Atwell next moved for the adoption of Resolution 11219, related to UW-Madison's contractual agreement with GE Precision Healthcare LLC. The motion was seconded by Regent Grebe and approved on a voice vote. Regent Whitburn abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

#### **UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with GE Precision Healthcare LLC**

Resolution 11219 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 agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and GE Precision Healthcare LLC.

Finally, Regent Atwell moved for the adoption of Resolution 11220, related to UW-Madison's contractual agreement with Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc. The motion was seconded by

Regent Woodmansee and approved on a voice vote. Regent Tyler abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

### **UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc.**

Resolution 11220      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 agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc.

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

[[Video: 40:45](#)]

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

Regent Jones said the Education Committee heard a report from the Task Force for Advancing Teacher Education and School Leadership in Wisconsin, led by Dr. Diana Hess, Dean of the UW-Madison School of Education, and Dr. Deborah Kerr, Superintendent of the Brown Deer School District and President-Elect of the American Association of School Administrators.

Regent Jones reported that the Education Committee approved six new academic degree programs at UW-Eau Claire, UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, and UW-Oshkosh.

The Education Committee unanimously approved the 2019 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status. Noting that Board of Regents approval is the final step in a demanding process by which UW faculty are promoted to tenure, Regent Jones congratulated the 267 faculty members recommended for tenure this year.

The Education Committee also approved two resolutions relating to the restructuring of UW Colleges and UW-Extension. Regent Jones explained that these resolutions would ensure the transfer of tenured UW-Extension faculty to UW-Madison Cooperative Extension, as well as the transfer of UW Colleges and UW-Extension emeritus faculty and staff to the seven receiving institutions.

Regent Jones reported that the Education Committee approved the proffer from the Vilas Trust Fund, which will provide more than \$6 million this year to support professors, graduate students, and the arts and humanities programs at UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee.

Regent Jones said Interim Vice President Karen Schmitt provided the Education Committee with a status update on the UW System's Math Initiative, which seeks to reduce time in

developmental math courses, increasing completion rates in first-year math classes, and ensuring the seamless transfer of math course credits across the UW System.

Finally, Regent Jones reported that UW-Milwaukee Provost Johannes Britz delivered a presentation regarding UWM's strategic investment to create an outstanding learning environment for all students.

Regent Jones then moved for the adoption of Resolutions 11221, 11222, 11223, 11224, 11225, 11226, 11227, 11228, 11229, and 11230. The motion was seconded by Regent Tyler.

Regent Tyler expressed appreciation for the collaboration between UW-Oshkosh and Fox Valley Technical College on the proposed Bachelor of Science in Education in Technology and Engineering Education. He noted that the program promises to help fill a sorely need pipeline of teachers and will be less expensive for students than traditional pathways.

Vice President Petersen thanked Regent Tyler for his comments. He also congratulated Regent Tyler on his recent reappointment to the Wisconsin Technical College System Board.

With no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolutions 11221, 11222, 11223, 11224, 11225, 11226, 11227, 11228, 11229, and 11230 was approved on a voice vote.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Athletic Training, UW-Eau Claire**

Resolution 11221 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 Master of Science in Athletic Training at UW-Eau Claire.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Landscape and Urban Studies, UW-Madison**

Resolution 11222 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 Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science in Landscape and Urban Studies at UW-Madison.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Biostatistics, UW-Milwaukee**

Resolution 11223 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Biostatistics at UW-Milwaukee.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Engineering (B.S.E.) in Environmental Engineering, UW-Milwaukee**

Resolution 11224 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Environmental Engineering at UW-Milwaukee.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Arts in the Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages and Applied Linguistics, UW-Milwaukee**

Resolution 11225 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Arts in the Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages and Applied Linguistics at UW-Milwaukee.

**Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Education in Technology and Engineering Education, UW-Oshkosh**

Resolution 11226 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Oshkosh and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Education in Technology and Engineering Education at UW-Oshkosh.

**2019 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status**

Resolution 11227 That, upon the recommendation of the respective Chancellors and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the 2019 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status be approved.

**Approval of the Transfer of Tenured UW-Extension Faculty to UW-Madison Cooperative Extension**

Resolution 11228 Whereas, the Board of Regents through resolution 10956 and subsequent resolutions has approved the restructuring of the UW Colleges and UW-Extension; and

Whereas, those resolutions provided that nearly all of the divisions and units of UW-Extension are to be joined with UW-Madison and operate as a component part of that institution; and

Whereas, UW-Madison Faculty Senate resolution, Faculty Document 2763, recommended that effective July 1, 2019, UW-Extension tenured

faculty retain the rights and responsibilities of UW-Madison tenured faculty and be covered by existing UW-Madison faculty policies and procedures;

Be it therefore resolved:

That by resolution of the UW-Madison Faculty Senate (Faculty Document 2763) adopted on November 5, 2018, and consistent with University of Wisconsin Board of Regents Resolution 10956, UW-Madison accepts the transfer of UW-Extension tenured faculty to be joined with the UW-Madison faculty effective July 1, 2019, at which time said UW-Extension faculty will retain the full rights and responsibilities accorded to tenured UW-Madison faculty and will observe existing policies and procedures of the UW-Madison faculty including those specified for faculty hiring, promotion, and post-tenure review.

**Approval of the Transfer of UW Colleges and UW-Extension Emeritus Faculty and Staff to the Seven Receiving UW System Institutions**

Resolution 11229      Whereas, UW System Chancellors are authorized by Regent Policy Document 20-26 to grant an emeritus title to faculty and staff who are retiring and who have engaged in exceptional and distinguished service to a UW institution; and

Whereas, over the past years, Chancellors have granted the emeritus title to exceptional and distinguished retired faculty and staff of the UW Colleges and UW-Extension; and

Whereas, the UW Colleges and UW-Extension no longer exist as separate UW institutions; and

Whereas, it is important that UW-Extension and UW Colleges emeritus faculty and staff continue to hold the emeritus title and to enjoy the privileges associated with that title;

Be it therefore resolved:

That UW-Extension emeritus faculty and staff hold their emeritus title at UW-Madison with the associated privileges provided in that University's emeritus policy; and

That UW Colleges emeritus faculty and staff hold their emeritus title at the UW University that administers as a branch campus the former UW College campus that employed them at the time of their retirement with

the associated privileges provided in that UW University's emeritus policy.

**Acceptance of the Proffers from the Trustees of the Vilas Estate to UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee**

Resolution 11230 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellors of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the proffer of \$6,412,118.32 in net and unallocated income made by the Trustees of the William F. Vilas Trust Estate for fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, as provided by the terms of the Vilas Trust for the same fiscal year, for Support of Scholarships, Fellowships, Professorships, and Special Programs in Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Music.

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**REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CAPITAL PLANNING AND BUDGET COMMITTEE** [[Video: 46:24](#)]

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

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

**Authority to Amend the Lease of Space for the Antarctic Astronomy and Astrophysics Research Institute, UW-Madison**

Resolution 11231 That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to amend the lease of 19,574 GSF of office space between the Board of Regents and West Washington Associates, LLC for the Wisconsin IceCube Particle Astrophysics Center.

**Authority to Construct the Wyllie Hall Renovation, Phase I Project, UW-Parkside**

Resolution 11232 That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Parkside Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to construct the Wyllie Hall Renovation, Phase I (Levels D2/D1/L1) project for \$35,371,000 (\$35,201,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing and \$170,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing).



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

Resolution 11233 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 \$4,234,000 (\$4,116,700 General Fund Supported Borrowing and \$117,300 Institutional Funds) 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 11234 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 \$8,339,000 (\$3,027,700 General Fund Supported Borrowing; \$1,147,900 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing; and \$4,163,400 Agency Cash).

**Authority to Execute the Remainder of the Design Contract and Construct the UW-Managed Kinesiology Relocation Project, UW-Madison**

Resolution 11235 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 Kinesiology Relocation project for a total estimated project budget of \$12,000,000 Gift/Grant Funds.

**Authority to Execute the Remainder of the Design Contract and Construct the UW-Managed Engineering Centers and Materials Science Lab Renovations Project, UW-Madison**

Resolution 11236 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 Engineering Centers and Materials Science Lab Renovations project for a total estimated project budget of \$2,857,000 Gift/Grant Funds.

## **Authority to Increase the Budget of the UW-Managed Biochemistry Electron Microscopes Project, UW-Madison**

Resolution 11237      That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to increase the budget of the UW-managed Biochemistry Electron Microscopes project by \$450,000 for a total project cost of \$2,250,000 Gift/Grant Funding.

Regent Klein said the Capital Planning and Budget Committee also received semi-annual status reports on leasing and UW-solely-managed capital projects. Regarding the latter, she indicated that the committee has requested additional details and metrics on gift grants be provided in the future in order to track where the UW System is raising money and how it is deploying those assets.

Reporting that the Capital Planning and Budget Committee heard from Vice Chancellor Robin Van Harpen regarding UW-Milwaukee's infrastructure needs, Regent Klein concluded by echoing President Cross's earlier remarks regarding the need to invest in the UW System's facilities.

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## **BOARD OF REGENTS 2019 ACADEMIC STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARDS [\[Video: 52:06\]](#)**

Vice President Petersen called upon Regent Mueller, chair of the awards selection committee, to lead the presentation of the 2019 Regents Academic Staff Excellence Awards.

Regent Mueller welcomed the recipients of the 2019 Board of Regents Academic Staff Excellence Awards, which salute the hard work, dedication, and innovative thinking of the UW System's talented academic staff members: "Their outstanding work – along with the work of academic staff systemwide – helps to strengthen and invigorate not only our UW institutions, but the communities in which they serve."

Regent Mueller said chairing this selection committee was both gratifying and challenging because there are so many academic staff doing exemplary work. She thanked fellow members of the selection committee – Regents Atwell, Beightol, and Petersen – for their dedication to this effort.

### ***Elaina Koltz, UW-Green Bay* [\[Video: 54:11\]](#)**

Regent Beightol presented the first 2019 Board of Regents Academic Staff Excellence Award in the Individual category to Elaina Koltz, Financial Aid Advisor for UW-Green Bay's Veteran Services.

Regent Beightol observed that Ms. Koltz is widely respected for her knowledge of complex veteran education benefits, as well as her dedication to helping students succeed. She assists UW-Green Bay's growing population of student veterans in a variety of ways.

In 2002, when Ms. Koltz first became the liaison between UW-Green Bay and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the campus had about 65 student veterans. Today, that number has grown to more than 500 student veterans and their dependents who use VA benefits. Regent Beightol said these students rely on Ms. Koltz's wealth of knowledge, her ability to keep up with changes in state and federal regulations, and her genuine concern for their success and well-being.

When veterans began returning from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, Ms. Koltz helped UW-Green Bay expand its programming to better meet their needs, including forming and leading the campus-wide Veterans Support Team. She also helped implement a Veteran and Service Member Student Lounge. There, veterans can find resources and build relationships to support each other. The lounge is also the site of a monthly open house with invited representatives from organizations such as the Veteran Clinic, the Department of Workforce Development, Veteran Loan Assistance, and others.

In the wider community, Ms. Koltz is president of the Northeast Wisconsin (NEW) Battalion Bravo Company, which helps develop veteran sponsors who connect veterans with community resources. She is currently working to bring to UW-Green Bay the "VetSuccess on Campus" program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; this would be only the second such program in Wisconsin.

Regent Beightol quoted one of Ms. Koltz's colleagues: "Elaina has touched so many lives in helping veteran students and their families, and her positive attitude has influenced professionals across the state and region." He then presented the first Academic Staff Excellence Award to Elaina Koltz of UW-Green Bay.

In brief remarks, Ms. Koltz thanked her husband Gary for his support; Chancellor Miller, Vice Chancellor Van Gruensven, and Financial Aid Director Jim Rohan at UW-Green Bay for their strong leadership; and Craig and Karen Dickman, benefactors of the UW-Green Bay Vet's Lounge, for their help supporting veterans on campus. She also recognized her colleagues in the UW-Green Bay Financial Aid Office.

Ms. Koltz highlighted new programs in development at UW-Green Bay, including a one-credit course that will provide incoming veterans with an introduction on what to expect in the college environment, and information about how to connect university resources and local VA services.

Ms. Koltz also discussed her involvement with the NEW Battalion Bravo Company, a community program which provides newly-returned servicemen and women in Northeast Wisconsin with

trained volunteer sponsors or guides to help them navigate the return to civilian life and connect with veteran resources.

Ms. Koltz said UW-Green Bay has also partnered with other institutions in the region to create the Coalition for Whole Health, a partnership between UW-Green Bay and other regional institutions focused on the health of veterans and their dependents and caretakers.

Ms. Koltz stated, “The military taught me how to be a leader and a team member. What it’s meant to me is knowing what my strengths and weaknesses are, and what the strengths and weaknesses are of those around me, and then using this knowledge to the benefit of the mission.”

**Mark Klapatch, UW-River Falls** [[Video: 01:04:21](#)]

Regent Atwell presented the second Academic Staff Excellence Award in the Individual category to Mark Klapatch, Sustainability and Custodial Supervisor in the Sustainability/Facilities Management area of UW-River Falls.

Mr. Klapatch oversees a staff of 17 full-time employees and 60 to 70 part-time student employees. Among his responsibilities, he tracks sustainability initiatives; facilitates reports; presents in classes; mentors student volunteers and student organizations; works with all campus departments; and manages efforts to recycle and minimize waste.

Mr. Klapatch serves as chair of the university’s Sustainability Working Group and works with the Sustainability Faculty Fellows Committee to support and improve sustainability within the curriculum. Regent Atwell noted that one of their achievements includes the recently created Sustainable Justice Minor available to all students on campus.

Together with another supervisor, Mr. Klapatch started a campus surplus program, which annually diverts over 100,000 pounds of furniture and other materials from landfills while offering students and community members affordable items.

For the past three years, Mr. Klapatch has facilitated the completion of the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) Report from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. Regent Atwell said his leadership and ability to engage others is credited for the campus achieving a Gold Rating in 2018 after receiving a Silver STARS assessment in previous years.

Mr. Klapatch has also organized a variety of events, including the Office of Sustainability Open House, WeBike River Falls Community Rides, Food Waste Audits, film showings, and a Sustainability Fair.

Regent Atwell quoted one of Mr. Klapatch’s colleagues: “Mark effectively balances a large variety of projects, supervisory roles, and committee work, and is always willing to take on

more because he is genuinely invested in making the institution better.” He then presented the second Academic Staff Excellence Award to Mark Klapatch of UW-River Falls.

In brief remarks, Mr. Klapatch reflected on his decision to attend and later work at UW-River Falls. In his current dual position as Sustainability and Custodial Supervisor, Mr. Klapatch said he has taken on a variety of committee appointments and leadership roles in addition to presenting in a number of classes and providing sustainability tours on campus.

Over the past two years, Mr. Klapatch has also taught one to two courses per semester in the UW-River Falls Honors Program, which lists “Sustainability” as one of five core competencies. He explained that sustainability efforts at UW-River Falls consider several factors, including diversity, affordability, academics, operations, engagement, planning and administration, and economic, social, and environmental components.

Mr. Klapatch stated, “My job is continuous improvement. How can we provide a better education for our students? How can we make sure our operations are operating more efficiently?” He concluded by thanking his parents, his husband Eric, his coworkers on both the Sustainability and Custodial teams, and the UW-River Falls administration for their support.

#### ***UW-Parkside Library*** [[Video: 01:16:00](#)]

Regent Petersen presented the 2019 Academic Staff Excellence Program award to the UW-Parkside Library, currently directed by Anna Stadick.

Regent Petersen said, “UW-Parkside Library creates a welcoming and enriching environment to support academic excellence and student success. The library has been an essential part of UW-Parkside’s success in improving campus graduation rates to historic levels.” Over 80 percent of students at UW-Parkside are commuters, first-generation, Pell-eligible, and/or working off campus. Regent Petersen observed, “Getting students to the library means getting them the space they need in their busy lives to focus on their studies. Library staff are doing just that.”

In the last three years, visits to the library have increased 13 percent, average visits per student are up 15 percent, and study-room reservations have grown 18 percent. Through observing best practices and focusing on demonstrated student needs, library staff have added individual study spaces, presentation spaces, modern and accessible furniture, and technology-equipped study rooms. The library also recently opened the Guttormsen Family Literacy Lab to support teacher development programs and serve as a childhood literacy resource.

The UW-Parkside Library received two National Endowment for the Arts Big Read grants, allowing it to promote literacy for people of all ages. In 2015, for its work on the first Big Read, the library received one gold award and two silver awards from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. A few years later, in 2017-18, the library was recognized again, this time with the Wisconsin Library Association’s Library of the Year award.

Regent Petersen said UW-Parkside librarians and library staff are actively involved in their field. Fourteen librarians and library staff have authored conference presentations or contributed to scholarly publications over the past several years.

In its nomination materials, UW-Parkside's Provost described the UW-Parkside Library as "the beating heart of our academic community." Regent Petersen said it was with great pride that the Board of Regents presents the 2019 Academic Staff Excellence Award to the UW-Parkside Library, represented by Director Anna Stadick.

In brief remarks, Director Stadick said her team has set out to make UW-Parkside's goals their own: "We think about the library's role in retention and recruitment, in serving nontraditional populations and new majors. We make it our business to think about the space, services, technologies that our specific students need with their lives and their challenges."

Director Stadick described UW-Parkside Library's outreach efforts, including partnering with local libraries, going to community events, talking to business about sponsorships, and holding book discussions in restaurants, tattoo shops, museums, and craft breweries. She noted that one local brewery even creates beers based on UW-Parkside Library's Big Reads.

Director Stadick said UW-Parkside's librarians are not afraid of change, or to suggest and try new ideas – but that nothing they do would be possible if they did not work at a university that also embraces this culture: "It's a place that's striving to be as relevant, responsible, and responsive as possible."

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## **UW-MILWAUKEE'S NCAA DIVISION I ATHLETICS 2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

[[Video: 01:25:55](#)]

Vice President Petersen stated that 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.

Chancellor Mark Mone introduced Athletic Director Amanda Braun, who presented highlights from the UW-Milwaukee's NCAA Division I Athletics 2019 Annual Report in the areas of academic and competitive performance, campus and community engagement, and visibility and branding efforts.

Following the presentation, Regent Jones asked if the Board or UW-Milwaukee should be considering alternative ways to deal with the athletic program's \$10 million net operating loss carried over from previous years. Athletic Director Braun said her department is intent on paying down the debt, which accumulated over a long period of time before her tenure.

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## **APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS 2020 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

[[Video: 01:37:53](#)]

Vice President Petersen requested a motion to adopt Resolution 11238, approving the proposed 2020 meeting schedule. The motion was offered by Regent Whitburn, seconded by Regent Jones, and approved on a voice vote.

### **Approval of 2020 UW System Board of Regents Regular Meeting Schedule**

Resolution 11238      That, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and Corporate Secretary, the Board of Regents adopts the attached regular meeting schedule for 2020.

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## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR REGENT EMERITUS RYAN RING'S SERVICE ON THE UW SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS** [[Video: 01:38:28](#)]

Vice President Petersen announced that the Board would next officially recognize the service, commitment, and contributions of Regent Emeritus Ryan Ring.

Vice President Petersen remarked on Regent Emeritus Ring's proactive involvement in student leadership and campus and community organizations, as well as his dedication in pursuing a double major in Finance and Political Science while serving on the Board of Regents, working part-time, and volunteering. He noted that Regent Emeritus Ring began a full-time position at Regent Plante's commercial construction firm following his graduation from UW-Eau Claire, with plans to attend law school in the future.

Vice President Petersen stated, "I believe your collegiate experiences have shaped and defined you into the leader that sits before us today." He then read aloud the resolution of appreciation for Regent Emeritus Ryan Ring's service on the UW System Board of Regents, which was adopted by acclamation.

### **Resolution of Appreciation for Regent Emeritus Ryan Ring's Service on the UW System Board of Regents**

Resolution 11239      WHEREAS, Ryan Ring has served as a dedicated student representative on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, from May 2017 to May 2019; and

WHEREAS, Ryan offered a valuable perspective as a member of the Committee on Student Discipline and Other Student Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Ryan thoughtfully served as a member of both the Education Committee and the Capital Planning and Budget Committee, through which he demonstrated a commitment to improving the educational experience for students; and

WHEREAS, Ryan served on the Diversity Awards Committee, working to publicly honor and reward the commitment of outstanding UW educators who support student success; and

WHEREAS, Ryan graduated with a bachelor's degree in Finance and Political Science at UW-Eau Claire, where he was active in student government, Campus Ambassadors, and as a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Ryan served on the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate for two years, as well as on many commissions and committees, including Finance, Information Technology, Intergovernmental Affairs, and Student Office of Sustainability;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System commends Ryan Ring for his excellent service on behalf of the UW System and the citizens of Wisconsin and wishes him every success in the future.

Regent Emeritus Ring expressed his appreciation to Governor Walker for providing him with the opportunity to serve on the Board of Regents. He also thanked the UW System's staff for their hard work and dedication to the students, as well as the UW Chancellors and Provosts for their leadership and dedication to their institutions.

Regent Emeritus Ring said it had been a privilege to get to know his Regent colleagues over the past two years: "Thank you for inspiring me to work hard at everything I do." He also thanked his parents, who were present in the audience, for their "constant encouragement and support."

Reflecting on his time at UW-Eau Claire and as a member of the Board, Regent Emeritus Ring highlighted his involvement in student government and other campus activities, his work with Regent Emeritus Regina Millner on the UW System's teacher education initiative, and the Board's efforts to keep tuition affordable, address sexual harassment, and keep the Wisconsin Idea alive through restructuring.

Indicating that he recently wrote an editorial about the opportunities he had at UW-Eau Claire and the value of the UW System to the citizens of Wisconsin, Regent Emeritus Ring stated, "In order to continue these positive advancements, and to conduct world-class research for the



benefit of Wisconsin's future, there must be a continued investment in the UW System." He said he would continue to be a relentless advocate for the UW System.

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## **ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS** [[Video: 01:54:32](#)]

The Bylaws of the Board of Regents specify that officers of the Board are elected at the annual meeting held in June and hold their offices for one year until their successors are elected. Terms of office begin immediately after the June meeting.

Vice President asked Regent Whitburn, as the longest-serving member of the Board, to preside during the election process.

Following a brief overview of the election process, Regent Whitburn called for nominations for the offices of President and Vice President of the Board of Regents.

Regent Jones nominated Andrew S. Petersen as President of the Board, and Michael M. Grebe as Vice President of the Board. Regent Klein seconded the nomination.

With no other nominations for either position, Regent Petersen and Regent Grebe were elected President and Vice President of the Board of Regents by voice vote.

Regent Whitburn then requested nominations for other officers of the Board. The incumbents for these positions were:

- Jessica Lathrop, Corporate Secretary of the Board;
- Sandra Cleveland, Assistant Secretary;
- Megan Wasley, Assistant Secretary;
- Sean Nelson, Trust Officer; and
- Quinn Williams, Assistant Trust Officer

Regent Petersen nominated the incumbents of these offices, with a second by Regent Tyler. With no other nominations, the incumbent officers were re-elected on a voice vote.

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## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO UW-MILWAUKEE FOR HOSTING THE JUNE MEETING** [[Video: 02:01:05](#)]

Vice President Petersen called upon Regent Jones to present the Board's resolution of appreciation to UW-Milwaukee as host of the June meeting.

Regent Jones read aloud the resolution of appreciation, which was adopted by acclamation:

**Resolution of Appreciation: UW-Milwaukee**

Resolution 11240      WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Regents are pleased to recognize the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee as the official host campus for the Board’s June 2019 meeting, and the Board is grateful for the generous hospitality extended by Chancellor Mark Mone and the entire Panther community; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciated hearing Chancellor Mark Mone’s presentation, “Meeting Wisconsin’s Needs through Collaboration,” and applauds UWM’s leadership role in the systemwide Freshwater Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, Business and Finance Committee members learned from Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Affairs Robin Van Harpen about UWM’s Path to Financial and Administrative Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee heard a presentation about inclusive and innovative approaches to teaching and learning by a panel of UWM students who focused on preparing students like themselves for jobs of the future in an increasingly diverse marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Planning and Budget Committee received a closer look at the university’s capital building program in the presentation, “UWM’s Capital Planning – the Long Game;” and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee thanks Provost Johannes Britz for his presentation that delved into what makes UW-Milwaukee “An Outstanding Learning Environment for All Students;” and

WHEREAS, the Board was delighted to hear from Alyssa Molinski, a UW-Milwaukee early childhood education student, featured in this month’s Student Spotlight; and

WHEREAS, Board members were pleased to get a closer look at the Lubar Entrepreneurship Center and UWM Welcome Center, which celebrated its grand opening last month and is already an invaluable new addition to the university;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby thanks UW-Milwaukee for its in-depth presentations, forward-thinking spirit,

and its many continued contributions to the UW System and to the state of Wisconsin.

Stating that it is an honor for UW-Milwaukee to host the Board of Regents every June, Chancellor Mone recognized Special Events Director Lynn Wilk for her work coordinating these meetings over the past 20 years.

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## **REGENT COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND MEMORIALS** [[Video: 02:05:01](#)]

President-Elect Petersen stated, "I personally want to thank all of the Regents for their confidence in myself and Regent Grebe. We will do our level best to ensure this Board moves forward in an appropriate manner."

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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Submitted by:

/s/ Jess Lathrop

Jess Lathrop, Executive Director and Corporate Secretary  
Office of the Board of Regents  
University of Wisconsin System