

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

Friday, October 11, 2019
9:00 a.m.

UW-Superior Yellowjacket Union
Great Room
1605 Catlin Avenue
Superior, Wisconsin

-President Petersen presiding-

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CALLING OF THE ROLL

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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, and Olivia Woodmansee

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regent Gerald Whitburn

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."

Regent Mike Jones and Regent Karen Walsh recused themselves from discussing or voting on Resolution 11306, "Approval of a UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Caterpillar" due to a potential conflict of interest.

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APPROVAL OF MEETING RECORDS

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Approval of the July 11-12, 2019 and August 1, 2019 Board of Regents meeting records was moved by Regent Woodmansee, seconded by Regent Klein, and adopted on a voice vote.

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Report of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board

The September 2019 report of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board was accepted with no comments or questions.

Update on the UW-Stout Chancellor Search Process

President Petersen shared that the UW-Stout Chancellor Search & Screen Committee, under the leadership of its Chair Regent Jason Plante, has been meeting and will interview semifinalist candidates in the next few weeks. Campus visits will take place in November, and the process is on target for a new UW-Stout chancellor to be named by December.

Update on the UW-Green Bay Chancellor Search Process

President Petersen announced that a 13-member search and screen committee was named in September to help identify the successor to Chancellor Gary Miller. Led by chair Regent Bob Atwell with vice chair Biology Professor Michael Draney, the committee has 10 voting members: five Regents and five individuals knowledgeable about the duties and responsibilities of the position, including two faculty members, one staff representative, one student, and one community/alumni member. Three additional non-voting members represent UW-Green Bay's two-year branch campuses. The committee received its formal charge in late September and the process of identifying candidates is now underway.

All In Wisconsin Tour

President Petersen provided an update on the UW System's All in Wisconsin tour, which launched in early September and has included stops at UW-Parkside, UW-River Falls, UW-La Crosse, and UW-Superior. The tour is intended to showcase how UW institutions make a difference for communities, businesses, and people across the state and to solicit feedback from university stakeholders. Events included breakfast with business and community leaders and tours of each campus.

The All in Wisconsin tour will continue with additional stops planned at UW-Oshkosh, UW-Stevens Point, and other campuses in the upcoming weeks.

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SYSTEM

Student Spotlight

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President Cross introduced Hannah Kolanczyk, a UW-Superior junior majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry. He noted that she is a Swenson Scholar, which is the most prestigious scholarship program offered through the UW-Superior Foundation. The Swenson Family Scholarship program funds nearly 40 full-tuition four-year scholarships each year for students with financial need who are pursuing careers in biology, chemistry, math or computer science.

Ms. Kolanczyk discussed her plans for after graduating from UW-Superior, which include pursuing a doctorate degree in biology and a career working with marine wildlife. She expressed appreciation for the opportunities and relationships with staff and students she has experienced at UW-Superior: "The smaller class sizes here have made it possible to establish connections with professors in a way that I believe would not be possible at large universities. I can attest that professors here at UWS genuinely make students feel valued."

She also shared the impact of being named a Swenson Scholar: "Having received the Swenson scholarship, I have been able to take a variety of science courses and partake in different opportunities that made me realize I was doing exactly what I was meant to do by pursuing a biology degree."

Highlighting some of her courses at UW-Superior and research projects she has been involved with at the Lake Superior Research Institute, Ms. Kolanczyk stated, "I feel that these opportunities have given me the foundation I need to excel in not only my future education but in my future career."

News from Around the UW System

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President Cross shared a video presentation highlighting recent news from around the UW System.

Noting that Governor Evers recently signed an Executive Order recognizing the second Monday in October as "Indigenous Peoples Day," President Cross said campuses

throughout the UW System will hold events honoring Wisconsin's native nations and the experiences of indigenous students.

State Budget Update

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President Cross reported that the Joint Committee on Finance recently approved the \$45 million in funding for the biennium to be allocated through the Outcomes-Based Funding model. To distribute the \$45 million, the Joint Finance Committee approved a distribution of \$22.5 million in each year of the biennium, with \$22.5 million in ongoing base funding.

The Joint Finance Committee also approved \$8.8 million in funding for the Dairy Innovation Hub, which the Board heard about during the previous day's meeting.

President Cross noted the final allocation of the compensation plan is the only outstanding item left to enact from the 2019-21 budget. He said the UW System is working hard with legislators and the administration to provide the information they need in order to move the 2% + 2% salary increases forward for legislative approval as soon as possible.

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REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Regent Klein reported that the Education Committee approved changes to four Regent Policy Documents (RPDs) as part of an ongoing review of the RPDs, as well as two reappointments to the Natural Areas Preservation Council.

The Education Committee also approved three new academic programs at UW-La Crosse, UW-Madison, and UW-Whitewater related to computer engineering, data science, and business analytics.

Harry Anderson, UW-Superior Dean of Students, provided an update to the Education Committee on the UW System's student behavioral health workgroups. Regent Klein indicated that the workgroups are on track to present recommendations to the Board in February 2020.

Finally, the Education Committee heard from Dr. Maria Stalzer Wyant Cuzzo, UW-Superior's Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, about the learning experiences

embedded in UW-Superior's curriculum which lead to student success and regional dynamism.

Regent Klein moved for the adoption of Resolutions 11279, 11280, 11281, 11282, 11283, 11284, 11285, 11286, and 11287. The motion was seconded by Regent Hall and approved on a voice vote.

Updating Criteria for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals

Resolution 11279 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, and to comply with s. 36.40, Wis. Stats., the UW System Board of Regents approves the eighth edition of the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (National Research Council, 2011), and the third edition of the Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching (Federation of Animal Science Societies, 2010), as applicable, as the criteria for the use of animals in scientific research within the UW System. The UW System Board of Regents further delegates authority to the President of the University of Wisconsin System to adopt any subsequent edition of the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals and the Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching or another recognized standard as the systemwide criteria for use of animals in scientific research, as needed to maintain compliance with the law and accreditation standards.

Rescinding RPD 4-3, "Criteria for the Use of Animals in Research"

Resolution 11280 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the UW System Board of Regents rescinds and authorizes the Executive Director and Corporate Secretary to remove Regent Policy Document 4-3, "Criteria for Use of Animals in Research," because the policy does not meet the standards for a Regent Policy Document.

Revisions to RPD 4-6, "Granting of Degrees, Honors and Awards"

Resolution 11281 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the UW System Board of Regents approves amendments to Regent Policy Document 4-6, "Granting of Degrees, Honors and Awards," and renames the policy, "Granting of Degrees, Certificates, Honors and Awards."

Removal of RPD 4-7, "Add/Drop Policy for Courses"

Resolution 11282 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes the Executive Director and Corporate Secretary to remove Regent Policy Document 4-7, "Add/Drop Policy for Courses," because the policy is obsolete.

Revisions to RPD 24-4, "Policy on the Role of Resident Assistants in Residence Halls"

Resolution 11283 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the UW System Board of Regents approves amendments to Regent Policy Document 24-4, "University of Wisconsin System Policy on the Role of Resident Assistants in Residence Halls," and renames the policy, "Role of Resident Assistants."

Approval of the Reappointments of Dr. Sharon Dunwoody and Dr. Kenneth Rhoads Bradbury to the Natural Areas Preservation Council

Resolution 11284 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the reappointments of Dr. Sharon Dunwoody and Dr. Kenneth Rhoads Bradbury for three-year terms, effective immediately and ending July 1, 2022, as University of Wisconsin System representatives to the Natural Areas Preservation Council.

UW-La Crosse: Approval of the Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Resolution 11285 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-La Crosse and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

UW-Madison: Approval of the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science in Data Science

Resolution 11286 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 Data Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

UW-Whitewater: Approval of the Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Analytics

Resolution 11287 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 Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Analytics at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

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REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CAPITAL PLANNING AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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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 first heard from Nick Bursik, Director of Athletics, and Dustin Johnson, Director of Facilities Management, about the critical role UW-Superior's athletic and recreational facilities play in the university's undergraduate enrollment efforts.

The Capital Planning and Budget Committee received updates from Associate Vice President Alex Roe regarding recent State Building Commission actions and the gift of a research vessel to UW-Milwaukee's School of Freshwater Sciences.

Finally, Regent Jones said the Capital Planning and Budget Committee heard from UW-Eau Claire Chancellor James Schmidt about the Sonntag Event and Recreating Complex facility project, which is the result of an evolving partnership between the Mayo Clinic Health System Northwest, the Chippewa Valley YMCA, Blugold Real Estate (a wholly owned subsidiary of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation), and UW-Eau Claire.

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

UW-La Crosse: Authority to Sell Two Parcels of Improved Land

Resolution 11288 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-La Crosse and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to sell two 0.126-acre parcels of land with

improvements, located at 2319 and 2323 Madison Road, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

UW-La Crosse: Authority to Enter into a Facility Use Agreement for Development of a Shared Tennis Facility

Resolution 11289 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-La Crosse and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to enter into a 20-year facility use agreement to develop a shared tennis facility with the city of La Crosse and the Coulee Region Tennis Association for \$250,000 Cash.

UW-Parkside: Authority to Execute a Ground Lease with We Energies

Resolution 11290 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes the execution of a 30-year ground lease for approximately 12.0 acres of land between the Board of Regents and We Energies to host a solar photovoltaic array on the main campus.

UW-Eau Claire: Authority to Construct the Governors Hall Addition and Renovation Project

Resolution 11291 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Eau Claire and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes construction of the Governors Hall Addition and Renovation project at an estimated total cost of \$19,307,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing.

UW-Madison: Authority to Construct the Camp Randall Stadium Renovation/Field House Repairs Project

Resolution 11292 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes construction of the Camp Randall Stadium and Fieldhouse Renovation project at an estimated total project cost of \$77,646,000 (\$68,046,000 PRSB, \$6,600,000 Cash and \$3,000,000 Gift Funds).

UW System: Authority to Construct a Utility Improvement Project

Resolution 11293 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes construction of the UW-Whitewater Heating Plant Boilers Fuels Retrofit project at an

estimated total cost of \$6,937,000 (\$3,954,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing and \$2,983,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing).

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

Resolution 11294 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves the allocation of the 2017-19 Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology Improvement Program funds; authorizes construction of the related projects at an estimated total cost of \$2,160,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing of the originally enumerated \$10,000,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing; and allows 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 the authorized funding.

UW System: Authority to Construct All Agency Maintenance and Repair Projects

Resolution 11295 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to construct various maintenance and repair projects at an estimated total cost of \$4,824,600 (\$2,502,600 General Fund Supported Borrowing; \$921,500 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing; and \$1,400,500 Cash).

UW-Madison: Authority to Complete Design, Increase the Budget, and Construct Phase II of the UW-Managed Educational Sciences, Wisconsin Center for Education Research Renovation Project

Resolution 11296 That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to (a) complete the design, (b) increase the project budget by \$1,147,000 Gift/Grant Funds, and (c) construct the UW-managed Educational Sciences, Wisconsin Center for Education Research Renovation project for a revised estimated total cost of \$3,393,000 Gift/Grant Funds.

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REPORT OF THE RESEARCH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE

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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 first heard two presentations about UW-Superior's long-standing commitment to industry, research, and workforce needs:

- Dr. Daniel Rust, Assistant Professor of Transportation and Logistics Management and a researcher for the Transportation and Logistics Research Center (TLRC) at UW-Superior, discussed the TLRC's innovative internship program and the value it adds for students, faculty, and companies.
- Dr. Matt TenEyck, Director of the Lake Superior Research Institute, discussed the Great Waters Research Collaborative (GWRC) project which offers testing services to developers of novel technologies and tools for ballast water treatment, compliance, and monitoring.

The committee also heard from Regent Cris Peterson, who discussed the challenges and opportunities in high-tech agriculture. Following a catastrophic fire that destroyed the milking facility at Four Cubs Farm, Regent Peterson and her family installed 16 robotic milkers that have helped their agricultural operation stay competitive in today's difficult market.

Finally, the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee received an update on the University of Wisconsin Internship Network (UWIN), a collaboration formed by regional economic development organization Momentum West with UW-Eau Claire, UW-River Falls, and UW-Stout to increase the number of internships available to students in western Wisconsin. Steven Jahn, executive director for Momentum West, and Rebecca Deschane, the UW-System/WEDC joint liaison for talent development, described the value of building a robust regional internship initiative that fosters new opportunities for students and their prospective employers.

REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Regent Mueller reported the Audit Committee heard first 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.

Katie Ignatowski, Director of Compliance & Integrity, and Angela Ryan, Director of Risk Management, joined Ms. Stortz to discuss the interaction between the UW System's enterprise risk management, compliance, and audit functions.

The Audit Committee approved an update to the UW System Office of Internal Audit charter, as well as new charters for the UW System Office of Compliance & Integrity and the UW System Enterprise Risk Management & Compliance Council.

Regent Mueller said Ms. Ryan was next joined by Ruth Anderson, Associate Vice President for Administrative Services, and Ben Passmore, Associate Vice President for Policy Analysis & Research, who together provided an update on the UW System's internal controls and enterprise risk management activities, including mitigation plans for two of the UW System's four focus risks.

Finally, Ms. Ignatowski provided the Audit Committee with additional information about the Office of Compliance & Integrity's structure and FY2020 work plan.

Regent Mueller moved for the adoption of Resolutions 11297 and 11298. The motion was seconded by Regent Jones and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of the Office of Internal Audit Charter

Resolution 11297 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents adopts the attached Office of Internal Audit Charter, consistent with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing.

Approval of the Charters for the UW System Office of Compliance & Integrity and the UW System Enterprise Risk Management & Compliance Council

Resolution 11298 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves the attached charters for

the UW System Office of Compliance and Integrity and the UW System Enterprise Risk Management and Compliance Council.

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REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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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 heard from UW-Superior Vice Chancellors Jeffrey Kahler and Jeanne Thompson about the unique benefits and challenges faced by a small university.

Charles Saunders, new executive director for the Office of Trust Funds, presented the quarterly report on trust fund investments from the State of Wisconsin Investment Board.

The Business and Finance Committee approved the FY2019 Program Revenue Balances Report. Regent Mueller noted that tuition revenue decreased by \$55.9 million, and that almost three-quarters of tuition revenue is categorized as “obligated” or “planned.” She stated, “We need to remember this represents not even thirty-five days of operating expenses for our campuses.” Regent Mueller also noted that an increase in auxiliary operations balances was largely due to upcoming debt service payments. Total program revenue balances increased by \$11.1 million.

Regent Mueller said the committee also received the FY2019 budget-to-actuals report for the UW System, and the semi-annual report on gifts, grants, and contracts awarded to UW institutions in FY2019.

Julie Gordon, UW System Senior Associate Vice President for Finance, presented a cost-benefit analysis summary for foundations and other affiliated organizations in FY2018. The Business and Finance Committee also received updates on UW-Shared Services; the UW System’s procurement automation project; and the Shared Financial System and Human Resources System preplanning project for UW System and UW-Madison.

Finally, Regent Mueller reported that the Business and Finance Committee approved eight contracts for UW-Madison, as well as a request for an exception to Regent Policy Document 31-15, “Large Unendowed Bequests or Gifts,” to allow the expenditure of the principal of a bequest from the estate of Kenneth A. and Dona M. Griesemer.

Regent Mueller moved for the adoption of Resolutions 11299, 11300, 11301, 11302, 11303, 11304, 11305, 11306, 11307, and 11308. The motion was seconded by Regent Atwell and approved on a voice vote. (Regent Jones and Regent Walsh abstained from voting due to potential conflicts of interest related to Resolution 11306.)

Approval of the FY2019 Program Revenue Balances Report

Resolution 11299 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the UW System report on the 2018-19 year-end program revenue balances as categorized by each institution and the System as a whole. In so doing, the Board approves: (1) the spending plans for institutional balances above 12 percent of total year-end expenditures in Tuition, Auxiliary Operations, General Operations, or Other Unrestricted Program Revenue and (2) the justification and multi-year spending plan submitted by UW System Administration for the entire UW systemwide balances maintained for the System as a whole.

Approval of a UW-Madison Request for an Exception to the Board Policy on Large Unendowed Bequests/Gifts for a Bequest from the Estate of Kenneth and Dona Griesemer

Resolution 11300 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, an exception to Regent Policy Document 31-15 be granted to allow for the expenditure of the principal of the bequest from the Kenneth A. and Dona M. Griesemer KDGF Transition Trust.

Approval of a UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Monsanto Company

Resolution 11301 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 services agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Monsanto Company and the extension of the agreement until December 31, 2019.

Approval of a UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Smithfield Packaged Meats Corp.

Resolution 11302 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 services agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Smithfield Packaged Meats Corp.

Approval of a UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Regeneron Pharmaceuticals

Resolution 11303 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 agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and the expansion of a research project under this agreement until December 31, 2022.

Approval of a UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with General Motors

Resolution 11304 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 sponsored research agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and General Motors.

Approval of a UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Phillips Healthcare

Resolution 11305 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 sponsored research agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Philips Healthcare.

Approval of a UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Caterpillar

Resolution 11306 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 master sponsored research agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Caterpillar, Inc.

Approval of a UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Plumrose USA Inc.

Resolution 11307 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 services agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Plumrose USA, Inc.

Approval of a UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Phoenix Nest

Resolution 11308 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 fee-for-service contractual agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Phoenix Nest.

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LITERACY LINK: A PARTNERSHIP TO POSITIVELY INFLUENCE CHILDREN OF JUSTICE-INVOLVED PARENTS

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Regent Petersen welcomed Mary Huser, Director of The Literacy Link, a UW-Madison Division of Extension program that teams with county-based partners to foster positive literacy-focused interactions between young children and their justice-involved parents or caregivers.

Ms. Huser noted that children who have an incarcerated parent are more likely to experience delays in cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development. Research by UW-Madison and UW-Extension found that children with a parent incarcerated in a Wisconsin county jail lagged behind peers in literacy skills, which are predictive of high school graduation.

The Literacy Link project was originally piloted in four counties and later expanded to include four more counties. Ms. Huser was joined by colleagues from the Division of Extension who described the strategies used to convert waiting areas and visiting spaces where children spend time while visiting justice-involved family members into more comfortable, literacy-rich environments.

The Literacy Link project also pursues strategies that encourage literacy in the child's home, such as installing book-vending machines to help children build their own libraries, or helping incarcerated parents record themselves reading books to share with their children.

Other strategies focus on parent education and support, including offering parenting programs or classes in jails and rehabilitation centers or providing information about literacy and community resources.

Bayfield County Sheriff Paul Susienka discussed how his jail is partnering with the university to offer educational benefits and improve outcomes for incarcerated parents and their children.

Following the presentation, panelists answered questions from the Regents about how families can participate in the Literacy Link program, and whether opportunities exist to partner with other agencies to expand the program and set up support systems for participating children and their families.

The panelists also answered questions about the source of books used by the program, the financial support available for the program's operation, and what additional resources are needed to expand Literacy Link throughout the state, including staff, funding, and local support.

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UW SYSTEM MATH INITIATIVE

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The Board of Regents next heard a presentation on the progress of the UW System Math Initiative, which is designed to help students receive relevant mathematics education that aligns to their program of study, saves resources, supports retention and ultimately reduces time to degree.

Carleen Vande Zande, Associate Vice President for Academic Programs and Educational Innovation, introduced each panelist:

Alice Pulvermacher, Principal Investigator and UW System Math Initiative Project Director, discussed progress made towards meeting the Math Initiative's goals of reducing the need for developmental math courses; improving student success in developmental and gateway mathematics; and ensuring transferability and applicability of gateway math.

Nick Danz, Dean of Academic Affairs & Graduate Studies and UW-Superior Math Initiative Institutional Change Team Lead, discussed the impact of the Math Initiative at the institution level, including improvements to advising and the development and expansion of co-requisite courses that offer supplemental support to gateway math students.

Henry Habermann, a UW-Superior student, then discussed his personal experiences in a co-requisite gateway mathematics course.

Carrie Tirel, UW-Oshkosh, Fox Cities campus math faculty member and UW System Math Initiative Project Team member, discussed the intersection of the restructuring of UW Colleges and UW-Extension with the Math Initiative.

Jennifer Kosiak, UW-La Crosse math faculty member and UW System Math Initiative Project Team member, discussed connections with other Wisconsin education systems (PK-12 and WTCS), mathematics teacher education, and mathematics professional organizations.

Barbara Bales, UW System senior academic planner and UW System PK-20 director, discussed the opportunity to bridge gaps between high school and college mathematics through the newly formed Wisconsin Math Alignment Task Force.

Following the presentation, Dr. Vande Zande opened a Q&A period with the panelists.

Regent Mueller and Regent Hall asked questions about the distinction between (non-credit) remedial/development courses and (for-credit) gateway courses, as well as the cost to students of taking remedial or co-requisite courses.

Regent Klein asked about new licensure standards for math teachers and how the university prepares PK-12 educators for the classroom.

Regent Stanford Taylor inquired about the 15 to Finish initiative, which encourages students to take 15 credits per semester to improve outcomes and graduation rates.

Regent Woodmansee expressed her support for the UW System Math Initiative's efforts, particularly its goal of ensuring transferability of math credits.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SCOPE STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER UWS 17

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In October 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.

In August 2019, the UW System held a preliminary hearing and public comment period on the scope statement that describes proposed revisions to the administrative rule. President Petersen described the next steps in the process prescribed under state law for all

administrative rules: If the scope statement is approved by the Board, the UW System will draft changes to the administrative rule prescribed by the scope statement. That language will return to the Board twice more – once to notice a public hearing on the changes, and then again to approve the changes – before going to the Governor for approval or denial.

President Petersen moved for the adoption of Resolution 11309. The motion was seconded by Vice President Grebe.

Regent Manydeeds stated his opposition to the proposed scope statement. He noted that most comments submitted during the preliminary hearing and comment period were also opposed to the described changes.

Responding to a question from Regent Stanford Taylor, President Petersen affirmed that there would be additional opportunities for the public to provide feedback as part of the rulemaking process.

With no additional questions or comments, Resolution 11309 was adopted on a voice vote.

Approval of Administrative Code Scope Statement for Proposed Changes to Chapter UWS 17

Resolution 11309 That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Administrative Code Scope Statement for Ch. UWS 17, Wis. Admin. Code, “Nonacademic Student Misconduct.”

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY HEARING ON ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SCOPE STATEMENT FOR CHAPTER UWS 18

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President Petersen introduced the next item for the Board’s consideration: noticing a preliminary public hearing on a scope statement to make modifications to Chapter UWS 18 that would allow for an update in language to more closely align with nationally recognized language on harassment and intimidation.

The proposed modification to Chapter UWS 18 would amend the language governing the prohibition on one person using email or other forms of electronic communications or phones to intentionally harass another person. The current language prohibits such action when undertaken “with the intent to harass, annoy or offend another person.” The proposed change would eliminate the words “annoy” and “offend.”

Additionally, the scope statement allows for a discussion of expanding this prohibition to include all electronic communications or telephone calls that use truly threatening or intimidating language, rather than be limited to lewd or profane language or language suggesting any lewd or lascivious act.

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 the 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 18 before eventual submission to the Governor and the legislature.

President Petersen moved for the adoption of Resolution 11310. The motion was seconded by Regent Woodmansee and adopted on a voice vote.

Approval of Notice of Preliminary Hearing on Administrative Code Scope Statement for Chapter UWS 18

Resolution 11310 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 18, Wis. Admin. Code, "Conduct on University Lands."

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APPROVAL OF A CHANGE TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

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Regent Walsh moved for the adoption of Resolution 11311, approving a change to the location of the Board's April 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Regent Jones and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of a Change to the Board of Regents Regular Meeting Schedule

Resolution 11311 That, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and Corporate Secretary, the Board of Regents approves changes to the regular-meeting schedule for 2020 (attached).

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ELECTION OF NEW ASSISTANT TRUST OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

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Regent Grebe offered a nomination to elect Charles Saunders as Assistant Trust Officer of the Board of Regents. Regent Tiedeman seconded the nomination.

With no other nominations, Mr. Saunders was elected on a voice vote.

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO UW-SUPERIOR FOR HOSTING THE OCTOBER 2019 MEETING

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Thanking Chancellor Wachter and her team for their “superior” hospitality, President Petersen called upon Regent Walsh to present the Board’s resolution of appreciation to UW-Superior for hosting the October meeting.

Regent Walsh read aloud the Board’s resolution of appreciation, which was adopted by acclamation.

Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Superior for Hosting the October 2019 Meeting

Resolution 11312 WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Regents are pleased to recognize the University of Wisconsin–Superior as the official host campus for the Board’s October 2019 meeting, and the Board is grateful for the generous hospitality extended by Chancellor Renée Wachter and the entire Yellowjacket community; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciated hearing Chancellor Wachter’s presentation, “Small But Mighty: A Story of Superior Impact;” and

WHEREAS, Business and Finance Committee members learned how private gift support is providing extraordinary opportunities to UW-Superior students; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee heard an informative presentation on embedded influential learning experiences at UW-Superior; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee thank Dr. Richard Stewart and Dr. Matt

TenEyck for their examples of UW-Superior's commitment to industry, research, and workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Planning and Budget Committee received an overview of UW-Superior's current athletic and recreation facilities and the university's plan to support its students through facility enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the Board was delighted to hear from Hannah Kolanczyk, a UW-Superior junior double-majoring in biology and chemistry, who was featured in this month's Student Spotlight; and

WHEREAS, Board members were pleased to get a closer look at the Lake Superior Research Institute Ballast Water Treatment System Testing Facility, and also to take part in the All In Wisconsin tour showcasing the unique value each UW institution brings to Wisconsin and the UW System's combined strengths across the state;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby thanks UW-Superior for its in-depth presentations, forward-thinking spirit, and many influential contributions to the UW System and to the state of Wisconsin.

REGENT COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND MEMORIALS

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President Petersen reminded everyone that the Board's next meeting will be held on November 7, 2019 and will feature "incredible research" in the UW System.

President Cross shared that Morris Andrews, husband of Associate Vice President for Federal Relations Kris Andrews, had passed away the previous night following a serious illness. He noted that Morris was well known for his work in education in both Wisconsin and Michigan.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Submitted by:

/s/ Jess Lathrop _____

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