

**UW System Board of Regents
Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 8, 2020**

Proceedings of the Education Committee Meeting. The Education Committee convened via WebEx from 10:31 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Committee members in attendance were: Regents Colón, Hall, Klein, Manydeeds, Stanford Taylor, Walsh, and Woodmansee. No Regent declared a conflict of interest regarding any of the items listed on the meeting agenda.

Committee Agenda Items: Unanimously Approved. The Education Committee unanimously approved six resolutions, including:

- Approval of the Minutes of the August 20, 2020 Meeting of the Education Committee
 - Resolution C.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Walsh, and seconded by Regent Hall.
- Approval of Changes to Regent Policy Document (RPD) 4-18, “Making Textbooks Affordable”
 - Resolution D.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Manydeeds, and seconded by Regent Weatherly.
- Approval of Changes to Regent Policy Document (RPD) 9-1, “Principles for Developing Alcohol Policies”
 - Resolution E.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Stanford Taylor, and seconded by Regent Manydeeds.
- Approval of the Rescission of Regent Policy Documents (RPDs) Related to Distance Education and the Creation of a New Policy on Distance Education
 - Resolution F.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Walsh, and seconded by Regent Woodmansee.
- Approval of Changes to Regent Policy Document (RPD) 23-1, “Basic Health Module”
 - Resolution G.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Woodmansee, and seconded by Regent Hall.
- Approval of Changes to Regent Policy Document (RPD) 30-6, “Policy on Recognition of Student Organizations”
 - Resolution H.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Woodmansee, and seconded by Regent Hall.

Regent Policy Documents. Regent Klein asked Dr. Anny Morrobel-Sosa, UW System Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs to provide an overview of the requested changes to Regent Policy Documents, which were listed on the Education Committee agenda. Vice President Morrobel-Sosa then asked Dr. Carleen Vande Zande, UW System Associate Vice President for Academic Programs and Faculty Advancement to join the

Education Committee, because Dr. Vande Zande completed work on behalf of the Office of Academic and Student Affairs in support of the Regent Policy Documents and Board of Regents Secretary's Office.

Dr. VandeZande stated that the five Regent Policy Documents on the agenda were being presented for approval in order to comply with recent changes in accreditation requirements, and state and federal law. She also stated that the policies had been revised to comply with new format requirements for Regent Policy Documents.

Report of the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.

1. **UW System Online Learning Initiative.** Vice President Morrobel-Sosa asked Dr. Laura Dunek, UW System Special Assistant for Governance and Strategic Initiatives, to lead a discussion regarding the UW System Online Learning Initiative. This project addresses one of the most critical challenges facing the UW System due to the COVID-19 pandemic: Delivering high-quality online learning at scale, while ensuring broad access and equity so that all students succeed.

As presented at the August 20, 2020 meeting of the Committee, the UW System is working collaboratively with campus leaders to expand the capacity of faculty and student support staff to plan, develop, and deliver online learning and advising for students, which is of high quality, equitable, and accessible. UW Extended Campus also has created high-quality professional development materials to support faculty, staff, and students in the online learning environment, and to ensure that quality online education scales across the entire UW System. In addition, for students in need, both UW System and campus leaders are expanding access to information technology tools by providing hardware, such as laptops and tablets, as well as access to Wi-Fi networks and hotspots.

Presenters included:

- Dr. Laura Anne Dunek, Special Assistant for Governance and Strategic Initiatives; and Project Director, UW System Online Learning Initiative, UW System
- Dr. Fay Akindes, Director, Professional & Instructional Development, UW System
- Dr. Aaron Brower, Senior Associate Vice President, and Executive Director, UW Extended Campus
- Dr. Carolyn Keller, Interim Assistant Provost and Associate Professor, UW-Platteville

2. **UW System Fall Semester: Lessons Learned and Future Planning.** Vice President Morrobel-Sosa also asked three Provosts and three Senior Student Affairs Officers to complete a presentation on the lessons learned from the UW System campuses during the fall semester of the 2020-2021 academic year. They reported on lessons learned, as well as future planning for the spring semester of the 2020-2021 academic year.

Presenters included:

- Dr. Betsy Morgan, Provost, UW-La Crosse

- Dr. Karl Scholz, Provost, UW-Madison
- Dr. Johannes Britz, Provost, UW-Milwaukee
- Vitaliano Figueroa, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, UW-La Crosse
- Lori Reesor, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, UW-Madison
- Kelly Haag, Senior Student Affairs Officer, UW-Milwaukee