

**UW System Board of Regents
Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 10, 2020**

Proceedings of the Education Committee Meeting. The Education Committee convened via WebEx from 8:45 a.m. to 10:27 a.m. Committee members in attendance were: Regents Colón, Klein, Manydeeds, Stanford Taylor, Walsh, Weatherly, and Woodmansee. Absent was Regent Hall. No Regent declared a conflict of interest regarding any of the items listed on the meeting agenda.

Committee Agenda Items: The Education Committee approved eleven resolutions, including:

- Approval of the Minutes of the October 8, 2020 Meeting of the Education Committee
 - Resolution C.1.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Walsh, and seconded by Regent Stanford Taylor.
- UW-Milwaukee: Approval of Bachelor of Science in Data Science
 - Resolution C.3.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Walsh, and seconded by Regent Stanford Taylor.
- UW-Oshkosh: Approval of Master of Science in Professional Science
 - Resolution C.4.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Walsh, and seconded by Regent Stanford Taylor.
- Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College and UW-Superior: Approval of the New Liberal Arts Transfer Program for the Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts
 - Resolution C.5.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Walsh, and seconded by Regent Stanford Taylor.
- Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College and UW-Superior: Approval of the New Liberal Arts Transfer Program for the Associate of Science in Liberal Arts
 - Resolution C.6.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Walsh, and seconded by Regent Stanford Taylor.
- Approval of Resolution for Reverse Transfer Implementation Plan
 - Resolution E.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Woodmansee, and seconded by Regent Stanford Taylor.
- Approval of Changes to Regent Policy Document (RPD) 4-16, “Criteria for Approval of Wisconsin Technical College System Liberal Arts and Pre-Professional Transfer Programs”
 - Resolution F.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Woodmansee, and seconded by Regent Manydeeds.

- Approval to Rescind Regent Policy Document (RPD) 4-13, “Academic Calendar Policy” and Adopt Resolution Language related to Contractual Period and Organized Services of Faculty and Staff
 - Resolution G.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Woodmansee, and seconded by Regent Manydeeds.
- Approval to Rescind Regent Policy Document (RPD) 4-8, “Remedial Education Policy” and Create a New Policy titled “Developmental Education”
 - Resolution H.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Woodmansee, and seconded by Regent Manydeeds.
- Approval of Reduction to E-Application Fee
 - Resolution I.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Walsh, and seconded by Regent Colón. The motion passed by majority vote, with Regent Manydeeds opposed, because three UW System Universities will continue to charge a college application fee, rather than refraining from charging a fee at all.
- Approval of Appointments to the Oversight and Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Partnership Program
 - Resolution K.
 - A motion to approve was made by Regent Walsh, and seconded by Regent Woodmansee.

Agenda Item C.: Proposed Consent Agenda. Given the large number of agenda items to be covered during the 90 minute meeting, the Chair requested a motion to move the following routine, non-controversial items to a consent agenda. Note: Items on a consent agenda may be acted upon by the committee in a single vote. Any Board Member may remove items from a consent agenda for separate discussion and consideration. The meeting minutes must reflect the motion and vote on each item. The meeting agenda reflected the five following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 8, 2020 Meeting of the Education Committee
2. (Item Removed)
3. UW-Milwaukee: Approval of Bachelor of Science in Data Science
4. UW Oshkosh: Approval of Master of Science in Professional Science
5. Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College and UW-Superior: Approval of the New Liberal Arts Transfer Program for the Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts
6. Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College and UW-Superior: Approval of the New Liberal Arts Transfer Program for the Associate of Science in Liberal Arts

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health: The Wisconsin Partnership Program Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report. The Wisconsin Partnership Program Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report was provided by Robert N. Golden, MD, Dean, UW School of Medicine and Public Health; Robert Turell Professor in Medical Leadership; Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs at UW-Madison.

Dean Golden reported that in FY 2020, the Wisconsin Partnership Program awarded 48 new grants totaling \$23.2 million. These awards include investments in a COVID-19 Response grant program to address the health challenges of the pandemic, and investments in research, education, and community

partnerships, including grants to address the health inequities caused by social determinants, such as the impacts of racism on health.

Approval of Appointments to the Oversight and Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Partnership Program. Committee members unanimously approved the reappointments of four committee members to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health Oversight and Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Partnership Program. Reappointed to four year terms through October 31, 2024 were: Cedric A. Johnson, Dr. Megan A. Moreno, Gregory Nycz, and Dr. Manish Shah.

Report of the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. Anny Morrobel-Sosa, UW System Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, reported on two topics, including: (1) The UW System Prison Education Initiative, and (2) the UW System plan to advance continued success for transfer students in Wisconsin by implementing a reverse transfer plan. Reverse transfer is the process of retroactively granting associate degrees to students after they have transferred from a two-year to a four-year institution.

Approval of Resolution in Support of UW System Reverse Transfer Implementation Plan. In support of Vice President Morrobel-Sosa's Report on a reverse transfer implementation plan for students, the Committee approved a resolution requiring the UW System Office of Academic and Student Affairs to create an implementation plan for reverse transfer for all 13 UW System universities. The proposed Reverse Transfer Implementation Program has two main goals: (1) to support and facilitate the granting of associate's degrees to students who have completed the requirements for the associate's degree; and (2) to encourage, through the awarding of associate degrees to qualified recipients, students to persist and ultimately graduate with baccalaureate degrees.

Approval of Reduction to E-Application Fee. Dean Stensberg, Chief of Staff to UW System President Tommy Thompson presented the resolution. The Committee approved a request to: (1) reduce the UW System application fee to \$0 for new undergraduate admission to UW universities for a two-year period, excepting UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse, and UW-Madison; and (2) eliminate the sponsorship of, or engagement in, application fee-waiving campaigns by UW universities. In addition to providing some financial relief for prospective students and their families, an initial review of application data suggests these undergraduate fee waiver campaigns have had a significant impact in driving more students to apply to UW universities and to submit more applications overall.

Regent Manydeeds and Regent Stanford Taylor asked why UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse had opted out of removing application fees for prospective students. Responding to this question were: Patricia Klein, Provost, UW-Eau Claire; Betsy Morgan, Provost, UW-La Crosse; and Joe Gow, Chancellor, UW-La Crosse. Collectively, they explained that application fees indicate selectivity in admissions, which can advance the reputation of a university, as distinguished from an open access admissions process. In response, Regent Manydeeds indicated that this may be an elitist approach to admissions. He also asked these campus leaders to consider that by changing the fees to zero, prospective students may perceive their campuses to be more welcoming and inclusive.

Regent Stanford Taylor requested that both campuses create a communication plan, to ensure that prospective students understand that application fees can be waived, upon request. She stated that such a communication plan could address some of the concerns expressed by Regent Manydeeds.

Approval of Changes to Regent Policy Document (RPD) 4-16, “Criteria for Approval of Wisconsin Technical College System Liberal Arts and Pre-Professional Transfer Programs.” The Committee approved amendment of RPD 4-16, “Criteria for Approval of Wisconsin Technical College System Collegiate Transfer Programs.” The amendments updated the policy to meet the formatting standards for Regent Policy Documents and to rename the policy, “Criteria for Approval of Wisconsin Technical College System Liberal Arts and Pre-Professional Transfer Programs.”

Approval to Rescind Regent Policy Document (RPD) 4-13, “Academic Calendar Policy” and Adopt Resolution Language related to Contractual Period and Organized Services of Faculty and Staff. The Committee approved rescission of RPD 4-13, “Academic Calendar Policy,” and adopted resolution language related to contractual period and organized services of faculty and staff.

Approval to Rescind Regent Policy Document (RPD) 4-8, “Remedial Education Policy” and Create a New Policy titled “Developmental Education.” The Committee approved rescission of RPD-4-8, “Remedial Education Policy,” and creation of a new policy titled “Developmental Education.”

Update: Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin. Due to time constraints, this presentation was moved to a future meeting of the Education Committee.

The Education Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.