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## CALLING OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Regents Robert Atwell, Scott Beightol, Héctor Colón, José Delgado, Michael Grebe, Eve Hall, Tracey Klein, Becky Lezvow, Edmund Manydeeds, Janice Mueller, Andrew Petersen, Cris Peterson, Jason Plante, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Torrey Tiedeman, Karen Walsh, and Olivia Woodmansee. Regent Mike Jones joined the meeting at approximately 9:26 a.m.

UNABLE TO ATTEND: None.

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## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

[\[Recording: 00:00:01\]](#)

President Petersen welcomed everyone to the first-ever virtual meeting of the UW System Board of Regents: "These are very challenging times, and it's important that we can all find innovative new ways to maintain our connections." He indicated that instead of breaking into committees, all business would be conducted before the full Board.

President Petersen introduced Regent Héctor Colón of Milwaukee. Regent Colón is the President and CEO of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. He

previously served as Executive Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services, where he led several countywide initiatives, including efforts to reform the juvenile justice system, end chronic homelessness, transform mental health care, and eliminate a 30-year waitlist for disabilities services. As a former member of the U.S. national boxing team, Regent Colón won seven national titles and competed in the 1992 Olympic trials. Today he serves as an independent director on the board of USA Boxing.

Regent Colón stated, "It's truly an honor to be able to serve on an institution that had a major impact on my life." He said he looked forward to learning more about the UW System and eventually meeting his Regent colleagues and chancellors across the state.

Noting that this may be the last Board meeting for Regents Janice Mueller, Jason Plante, and Torrey Tiedeman, President Petersen stated, "It has been an absolute privilege to work with each of you. You've brought valuable experience and insights to our discussions over the years, and the UW System is a far better place because of that. I thank you for your dedicated service and more importantly your friendship." President Petersen said the Board would formally recognize their contributions with resolutions of appreciation at a future meeting.

President Cross introduced Katherine Frank, who started her role as the eighth Chancellor of UW-Stout on March 1. She previously served as vice president of academic innovation and professor of English at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington. President Cross noted that Chancellor Frank is making history as the first woman to lead Wisconsin's Polytechnic university.

Chancellor Frank said that although these first four weeks were not what she anticipated when she accepted the role, they did demonstrate that she has an "absolutely exceptional" team at UW-Stout with "extremely dedicated" faculty and staff and "remarkable" students. She noted that 57% of classes were converted to alternative delivery during UW-Stout's spring break period. She concluded, "I look forward to continuing through this period and beyond and celebrating what Stout is all about."

President Cross thanked Provost Patrick Guilfoile for his service as interim Chancellor during the search and transition process.

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## **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS**

[Recording: 00:08:47]

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 Delgado recused himself from discussing or voting on Resolution 11411, "Approval of a UW-Milwaukee Connected Systems Institute Membership Agreement with Wisconsin Electric Power Company."

Regent Jones and Regent Klein both recused themselves from discussing or voting on Resolution 11413, "Approval of a UW-Madison Clinical Trial Agreement with Janssen."

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

[Recording: 00:09:50]

### **Update on the UW System Response to the COVID-19/Coronavirus Pandemic**

President Petersen stated, "We are living in uncertain and unprecedented times. It has turned all of our worlds sideways, and that includes the UW System." He invited President Cross to provide an update on how the UW System is responding to the enormous challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Cross began by expressing gratitude for all those on the front lines of this crisis – the healthcare providers, the emergency personnel, and many others – who are putting their own lives at risk to help others.

President Cross said an immediate concern is the wellbeing of the UW System's students, faculty and staff, colleagues and communities: "Individually and collectively, we are facing enormous pressures and challenges as a result of this pandemic. As we lead the UW System and our institutions through these unprecedented times, we will each face difficult decisions to ensure the UW System's commitment to serving every corner of this state is fulfilled– whether that is students who learn from us, faculty and staff who directly serve those students, or our neighbors who benefit from our impact on local communities and economies."

President Cross noted that the UW System has been strategically planning for enrollment and financial challenges through 2026, with the intention of "incrementally and thoughtfully" making changes to the UW institutions in response to changing demographics and projected financial conditions. Acknowledging that the UW System may now have to move more quickly to adjust to the dramatically changing environment, he addressed some of the steps already taken and the UW System's future plans.

#### Teaching and Learning

President Cross expressed appreciation for the resilience, persistence, and commitment of UW students, faculty and staff. He stated that the UW System's highest priority is to

continue to provide students with the education they want and need, while also keeping students, faculty, staff and colleagues healthy and safe.

Indicating that every UW institution remains open and that all instruction has been moved to online or alternative methods, President Cross said it is imperative that the UW System provide all necessary support to enable students who have been planning to graduate at the end of this semester the opportunity and means to do so.

President Cross reported that all UW institutions have suspended current study abroad programs and recalled students to the United States, in addition to cancelling athletic travel and all non-essential university travel. UW employees are now working remotely from home whenever possible.

### Budget and Finances

President Cross said the full costs of COVID-19 will not be known for some time: "Initial analysis indicates that the financial impact of this pandemic is significantly greater than anything I have seen in my 42 years in higher education." UW institutions will continue to track these unbudgeted costs as they become known, including impacts to housing, dining and other auxiliary operations, as well as research and other associated services. He indicated that COVID-19 is likely to significantly reduce summer 2020 revenues and will also likely impact the 2020-21 academic year.

President Cross said the decision to transition teaching platforms to alternative delivery methods was a necessary step. As a result, UW institutions will be providing prorated refunds to students and families for the funds they would otherwise have paid for room and board for the remainder of spring semester. He acknowledged that this presents a significant financial cost for all the UW institutions, with refunded fees alone estimated to reach \$78 million across the UW System.

President Cross noted that even before the current emergency, all UW campuses were working tirelessly to increase enrollment numbers in response to demographic challenges. Stating that this need is even more urgent now, he said the Chancellors will continue to aggressively work with their recruiting teams and advance their retention efforts.

### Federal and State Actions

On the federal front, President Cross reported that UW System leaders have been in close and frequent contact with members of the Wisconsin delegation, as well as national organizations for higher education, to keep them apprised of the rapidly changing and growing impacts of the pandemic and the urgent need for students and institutions to receive relief in an emergency supplemental funding bill.

President Cross indicated that the third COVID-19 response bill passed by Congress and signed by President Trump included a \$30.75-billion Education Stabilization Fund to provide emergency support to local school systems and higher education institutions.

Based on data provided by national higher education organizations, President Cross said this federal support is estimated to provide \$47 million in emergency grants for UW System students and \$47 million in institutional support. Stating that these funds will be “a powerful down payment” to help with the university’s most immediate challenges and needs, he also expressed appreciation for several important areas of regulatory relief that have been provided.

On the state front, President Cross reported that the UW System has submitted a preliminary request for state assistance. The request includes allocations to provide IT support for the move to alternative delivery methods, student support related to both behavioral health and practicum completion, and institutional aid that will help stabilize campuses.

President Cross said, “We will continue to face lost revenues and increased costs at our campuses, and those numbers continue to grow day by day. We anticipate that there will be the need for additional supplemental legislation and will continue to analyze our System’s needs and work with our federal and state colleagues to support higher education.” He noted that every UW institution is a major employer in their respective communities and the UW System overall is one of the largest employers in the state, making the university a key economic stabilizing force.

### What’s Next?

President Cross indicated that despite the uncertainty of the current situation the UW System has started planning for what could be next with discussions focused on three separate timeframes and an array of questions, “most of them without answers.”

During the first timeframe from the present to June 1<sup>st</sup>, the UW System will be:

- collecting and analyzing the costs directly connected to the virus;
- ensuring students who were scheduled to graduate in May will be able to do so;
- communicating with federal and state officials to help them understand the impact and importance of the university in helping the state and the country emerge from this pandemic;
- assessing and evaluating “predictors” such as economic indicators, progression of the virus, application activity within and outside the System, and feedback information from current students as indicators of future challenges;
- developing plans and preparing for a variety of potential challenges for the summer timeframe;

- assessing the financial impact and condition of each campus; and
- beginning the process of scenario planning for the fall semester based on an array of assumptions informed by these indicators.

During the second timeframe, from June 1st to the middle of August, President Cross said the UW System will have developed scenario plans based on the best information available, with a target date of July 1<sup>st</sup>. During the third period, after fall classes have started, UW institutions will look to make adjustments and respond to new information and data as it is made known.

President Cross stated, "In a whole new interpretation of the Wisconsin Idea, we are offering our resources and our expertise to assist wherever possible." He mentioned several examples of how UW System Administration and all UW institutions are working with emergency operations centers, both locally and statewide, to provide whatever assistance possible during the crisis:

- Residence halls and other facilities at many campuses may be made available to use as potential hospital overflow rooms or to provide rooms for medical personnel who cannot return home at this time.
- The UW-Madison School of Pharmacy is helping to produce hand sanitizer for UW Health.
- UW-Milwaukee has joined a special task force, the Milwaukee MaskForce, to make reusable, medical-grade respirator masks.
- UW institutions are donating available personal-protective equipment (PPE) to area health-care workers, helping to create more face shields, and donating supplies to make thousands of COVID-19 test kits.
- Education students at UW-Oshkosh are offering free, online tutoring for K-12 students now learning at home.
- Students at some campuses are providing childcare for health workers who are away from their families.
- UW researchers are applying their expertise to help develop vital treatments and vaccines for COVID-19.

President Cross concluded his report with a special note to students: "You are and will continue to be our most important order of business. You are the future – and we want nothing more than to have you succeed and thrive. Despite these very challenging times, we remain committed to helping you do that." He also reiterated his appreciation to faculty and staff for their commitment to carry on in support of students.

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## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

[Recording: 00:28:22]

### Impacts of the COVID-19/Coronavirus Pandemic and Actions Taken by the UW System

On behalf of the Board of Regents, President Petersen extended his appreciation to UW System leadership, Chancellors, Provosts, Chief Business Officers, faculty, staff, and students for their “extraordinary support, understanding, and compassion at this highly unorthodox time.”

President Petersen stated, “Only a month ago, the circumstances we find ourselves in today would have been unthinkable. I’m afraid it’s going to remain a bit rocky before it gets better... But what sustains me is my belief in our shared humanity, our willingness to adapt, and our ability to work together.” He saluted faculty, staff and students for pivoting “on extremely short notice” to having classes delivered by alternate means. He also commended those who continue to support the university’s work, including custodial staff, food service workers, first responders, and many others.

Speaking to the students, President Petersen said, “Our hearts go out to you. This is not how your university experience is supposed to go. We appreciate your adaptability and your understanding, and I hope you can continue to maintain strong connections with your friends and classmates, your professors, and your UW communities through alternate means until we all can meet face-to-face again.”

Addressing the Class of 2020, President Petersen said the suspension of traditional commencement was a very difficult decision: “We know how hard you’ve been working to reach that apex moment, and how much you and your families were looking forward to it.” He indicated that every UW campus is working to either reschedule ceremonies or find other ways to mark this important occasion.

Noting how important the UW System’s approximately 36,000 graduates each year are to the state of Wisconsin and beyond – “never more so than now” – President Petersen offered early congratulations and thanks to the Class of 2020, including student Regent Torrey Tiedeman who will graduate this spring from UW-Madison.

President Petersen said the University of Wisconsin System is one of the state’s largest employers with about 40,000 employees and 170,000 students, and serves as a “unique and powerful economic engine for the state” with a \$24 billion annual impact on Wisconsin’s economy: “To keep the state’s businesses and communities strong, it is vital that the UW System and our operations are supported. Simply put, as the University goes, so goes the state.”

### **Update on the UW-Stevens Point Chancellor Search Process**

President Petersen reported that a 12-member search and screen committee was named the previous month to help identify the successor to Chancellor Bernie Patterson, who has announced his plans to retire later this year.

The committee will be chaired by Regent Karen Walsh with Mary Bowman, Professor of English, as vice chair. The committee has 10 voting members, including 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. Two additional non-voting members will represent UW-Stevens Point's two-year branch campuses.

The committee will receive its formal charge from President Petersen and President Cross early the next week and then begin the process of identifying candidates.

### **Update on the UW-Green Bay Chancellor Search Process**

President Petersen reported that the Special Regent Committee for the UW-Green Bay chancellor search, which is chaired by Regent Atwell, conducted its finalist interviews the previous week. The full Board will consider a recommendation from the committee for the next Chancellor of UW-Green Bay during the meeting's closed session.

### **Update on the UW System Presidential Search Process**

President Petersen turned to Vice President Grebe, chair of the UW System Presidential Search Committee, to provide an update on the search process.

Reporting that the committee held a "productive" and "robust" virtual meeting the previous week, Vice President Grebe said they plan to move forward with the search as scheduled while continuing to monitor any changes in circumstances. The committee will conduct virtual interviews of semi-finalist candidates in mid-April.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

[\[Recording: 00:35:11\]](#)

President Petersen presented the proposed consent agenda, which included the following items:

- A. Approval of the record of the February 6-7, 2020 meeting of the UW System Board of Regents;

- B. The March 2020 report of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board;
- C. Approval of the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering at UW-Green Bay;
- D. Approval of the Master of Science in Athletic Training at UW-Madison;
- E. Approval of the Bachelor of Science in Global Health at UW-Madison;
- F. Approval of the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering at UW-River Falls; and
- G. Approval of the Master of Science in Business Analytics at UW-Whitewater.

President Petersen clarified that due to the uncertain implications of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board's approval of the five academic programs would be contingent upon having the necessary institutional resources in place prior to official program start-up.

Regent Jones moved to adopt the consent agenda as proposed. The motion was seconded by Regent Grebe and unanimously approved on a voice vote.

#### Approval of the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering at UW-Green Bay

Resolution 11399 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Green Bay and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

#### Approval of the Master of Science in Athletic Training at UW-Madison

Resolution 11400 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Athletic Training at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

#### Approval of the Bachelor of Science in Global Health at UW-Madison

Resolution 11401 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 Science in Global Health at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

#### Approval of the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering at UW-River Falls

Resolution 11402 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-River Falls and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

## Approval of the Master of Science in Business Analytics at UW-Whitewater

Resolution 11403 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Whitewater and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Business Analytics at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

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## **APPROVAL TO MODIFY AND CONSOLIDATE REGENT POLICY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE TRANSFER AND AWARD OF CREDIT FOR EXTRA-INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING**

[Recording: 00:37:06]

President Petersen called upon Dr. Carleen Vande Zande, UW System Associate Vice President for Academic Programs and Educational Innovation, to provide an overview of the request to modify and consolidate several Regent Policy Documents (RPDs) related to the transfer and award of credit for extra-institutional learning.

Dr. Vande Zande said the proposal would rescind RPD 7-1, "University of Wisconsin System Undergraduate Transfer Policy," and recreate the policy as RPD 7-1, "Transfer and Award of Credit for Extra-Institutional Learning." The proposal would also rescind or remove the following policies from the Regent Policy Documents:

- RPD 4-4, "Minimum Requirements for an Associate Degree"
- RPD 4-11, "Advanced Placement"
- RPD 4-17, "Advanced-Standing Credit for Project Lead the Way Courses"
- RPD 7-2, "Recognition of International Baccalaureate Program"

Provisions of these policies will be incorporated into UW System Administrative Policies and the recreated RPD 7-1.

Dr. Vande Zande explained that the proposed new RPD 7-1 contains updates to reflect the many ways that students' coursework and learning experiences are evaluated to determine the knowledge and skills they bring to the university, including through military credit, credit for prior learning, advanced placement testing, and the International Baccalaureate. The recreated RPD 7-1 also includes recent statutory provisions and allows the UW System to establish transfer agreements with tribal and private colleges.

Regent Woodmansee moved to adopt Resolutions 11404, 11405, and 11406. The motion was seconded by Regent Hall and approved on a voice vote.

Approval to Rescind and Recreate Regent Policy Document 7-1, "University of Wisconsin System Undergraduate Transfer Policy" and Rename the Policy, "Transfer and Award of Credit for Extra-Institutional Learning"

Resolution 11404 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents rescinds and recreates RPD 7-1, "University of Wisconsin System Undergraduate Transfer Policy," and renames the policy, "Transfer and Award of Credit for Extra-Institutional Learning."

Approval to Rescind Regent Policy Document 4-4, "Minimum Requirements for an Associate Degree"

Resolution 11405 That upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents rescinds RPD 4-4, "Minimum Requirements for an Associate Degree," and consolidates the provisions with RPD 7-1, "UW System Transfer Policy."

Approval to Remove Regent Policy Documents 4-11, "Advanced Placement," 4-17, "Advanced-Standing Credit for Project Lead the Way Courses," and 7-2, "Recognition of International Baccalaureate Program"

Resolution 11406 That upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents authorizes the Executive Director and Corporate Secretary to remove RPD 4-11, "Advanced Placement," RPD 4-17, "Advanced-Standing Credit for Project Lead the Way Courses," and RPD 7-2, "Recognition of International Baccalaureate Program," from the Regent Policy Documents.

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## **APPROVAL OF CAPITAL PLANNING & BUDGET REQUESTS**

[Recording: 00:42:40]

President Petersen called upon Alex Roe, UW System Senior Associate Vice President for Capital Planning and Budget, to provide an overview of four requests.

Ms. Roe said the UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine's Influenza Research Institute has been housed at the University Research Park since 2006. The Institute, which expanded its space with grant funds in 2010, has received additional grant funds to expand the research and corresponding lab space again. University Research Park will build a new

space and a connector to allow the Institute to more effectively use their Biosafety Level-3 lab space, which is the highest level of containment laboratory at UW-Madison.

Ms. Roe noted that the Influenza Research Institute is overseen by one of UW-Madison's leading researchers, Dr. Yoshihiro Kawaoka, a pathobiologist conducting research on viral influenza. This type of research has been deemed important by the NIH and the WHO, and the lab meets the standards of the USDA and the CDC. The lease of space will have a 3-year term with a 5-year renewal option, with the improvements amortized over the length of the lease.

Regent Walsh moved to adopt Resolution 11407. The motion was seconded by Regent Tiedeman.

Noting that Dr. Kawaoka is one of the preeminent viral researchers in the country, Regent Walsh said this lab expansion is crucial, especially at the present time.

The motion to adopt Resolution 11407 was approved on a voice vote.

#### Authority to Lease Space for the UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine

Resolution 11407      That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority for UW-Madison to enter into a lease of 4,292 GSF to provide laboratory space for the School of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Pathobiological Sciences.

Ms. Roe explained that the next project was enumerated in the FY19-20 capital budget as part of UW-Madison Recreation & Wellbeing program's master plan. It would completely remove the existing Gymnasium/Natatorium building, which is undersized and beyond repair.

In order to keep the project on track and to meet the students' and donors' schedule, Ms. Roe said UW-Madison would like to start demolition and removal of the building in Summer 2020. She indicated that the university is working closely with the Wisconsin Department of Administration to complete the design and construction drawings for the new building, with hopes of releasing that project later in the fall.

Regent Beightol moved to adopt Resolution 11408. The motion was seconded by Regent Klein and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Construct the Demolition and Abatement Scope of the UW-Madison  
Gymnasium/Natatorium Replacement Project

Resolution 11408 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 demolition and abatement scope of the Gymnasium/Natatorium Replacement project to prepare the site for a new replacement building for an estimated total cost of \$5,344,000 (\$3,890,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing and \$1,454,000 Gift Funds).

Ms. Roe said the third request for all-agency maintenance and repair projects includes the replacement of windows in three residence halls at UW-Superior and the completion of the central heating plant fuel reliability project on behalf of UW-La Crosse. After consultation with the DOA, Ms. Roe noted that the UW System will not be undertaking any interior work on the heating plant project until the pandemic is complete out of respect for the limited heating plant staff.

President Petersen asked whether the UW System's other capital projects are also continuing with external construction where possible while suspending interior work.

Ms. Roe answered that it depends on the project, noting that this is actually a good time to be doing construction with so many buildings currently vacant. In facilities with some staff remaining, extra precautions are being taken. She said the UW System is considering projects on a case-by-case basis and will defer projects if the institution is uncomfortable proceeding at this time: "We are taking extra care – both financially and physically – to ensure that the construction community is safe, but our people are safe as well."

Regent Jones moved to adopt Resolution 11409. The motion was seconded by Regent Grebe and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Construct UW System All Agency Maintenance and Repair Projects

Resolution 11409 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to construct these maintenance and repair projects at an estimated total cost of \$2,891,600 (\$495,400 General Fund Supported Borrowing; \$971,200 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing; and \$1,425,000 Cash).

President Cross said UW System Administration and the campuses are also carefully considering capital projects funded by program revenue, given the current unknowns about the potential number of students on campus and the amount of fees to pay for the debt service on these projects.

Regarding the final request, Ms. Roe said UW-Madison has recruited Dr. Andrea Dutton, a MacArthur Fellow, Fulbright Scholar, and international expert on sea-level rise whose important research requires the design of an unusual metal-free laboratory. Noting that the UW System has never done a project like this before, Ms. Roe said the System may need to return to the Board prior to construction with a request for an increase to the budget if the project cost estimates change.

In response to a question from President Petersen about the project's timeline, Ms. Roe said the UW System hopes to bid the project in the fall and complete the project next summer.

Regent Delgado moved to adopt Resolution 11410. The motion was seconded by Regent Stanford Taylor and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Complete the Design and Construct the UW-Managed, UW-Madison Weeks Hall 4th Floor Dutton Laboratory Renovation Project

Resolution 11410     That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes the construction of the Weeks Hall 4th floor Dutton Laboratory Renovation project for an estimated total cost of \$1,924,670 Gift Funds.

President Petersen relayed a question from Regent Beightol regarding the decision to proceed with repairs to residence halls at a time when the future of campus residential life is uncertain.

Emphasizing that the UW System is considering projects on a case-by-case basis, Ms. Roe noted that a few campuses have chosen to defer residence hall projects by one year or indefinitely. She added, "We are taking into consideration the financial concerns that any institution has, particularly residence halls and dining halls where we know the rebates have occurred." She concluded that the UW System will only move forward with projects where the financial analysis is acceptable to the leadership of UW System and the UW institution.

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## **APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS**

[Recording: 00:56:04]

President Petersen called upon Robin Van Harpen, UW-Milwaukee Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Affairs, to provide an overview of the UWM Connected Systems Institute's proposed membership agreement with Wisconsin Electric Power Company.



Indicating that this is the second membership agreement for CSI, Vice Chancellor Van Harpen said it is identical to the first and founding membership agreement with Rockwell Automation that was approved by the Board of Regents in July 2019. Under this agreement, Wisconsin Electric Power Company's membership in CSI will last five years beginning May 1, 2020.

Regent Mueller moved to adopt Resolution 11411. The motion was seconded by Regent Hall and approved on a voice vote. (Regent Delgado abstained from voting.)

Approval of a UW-Milwaukee Connected Systems Institute Membership Agreement with Wisconsin Electric Power Company

Resolution 11411 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Membership Agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Milwaukee, and the Wisconsin Electric Power Company for an initially scheduled term from May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2025.

President Petersen called upon Laurent Heller, UW-Madison Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Affairs, to provide an overview of three UW-Madison contracts submitted for the Board's consideration.

Vice Chancellor Heller said the first contract is a three-year master agreement to allow the Statistical Data Analysis Center in the UW School of Medicine & Public Health's Department of Biostatistics and Medical Informatics to provide biostatistical data analysis services for clinical trials designed and conducted by Novartis Pharma AG. He noted that as one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world Novartis specializes in research and therapies in many areas, including cancer, ophthalmology, and neuroscience.

Regent Jones moved to adopt Resolution 11412. The motion was seconded by Regent Woodmansee and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of a UW-Madison Clinical Trial Agreement with Novartis Pharma AG

Resolution 11412 That, upon 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 clinical trial agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Novartis Pharma AG for a period of three years.

Vice Chancellor Heller summarized the second contract as a master clinical trial agreement between Janssen Research & Development, LLC and the UW School of Medicine & Public Health to sponsor clinical trials in various therapeutic areas including cardiovascular and metabolism, immunology, infectious diseases and vaccinations, neuroscience, oncology, and pulmonary hypertension. He noted that Janssen and its affiliates have provided over \$2 million in research funding to UW-Madison since 2004.

Regent Levzow moved to adopt Resolution 11413. The motion was seconded by Regent Peterson and approved on a voice vote. (Regent Jones and Regent Klein abstained from voting.)

#### Approval of a UW-Madison Clinical Trial Agreement with Janssen

Resolution 11413     That, upon 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 clinical trial agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Janssen Research & Development, L.L.C. for a term of five years.

Vice Chancellor Heller said the final contract is a \$2.1 million, 27-month fixed-price agreement between EG Crop Science, Inc. and the Crop Innovation Center within the UW-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Under the agreement, the Crop Innovation Center will insert or modify a gene in bananas to increase resistance to a particularly virulent fungus that is threatening the world's banana crops.

Vice Chancellor Heller clarified that the gene in question is the intellectual property of EG Crop Science, which will also own the resulting plant, while UW-Madison will retain the IP for the gene insertion methodology developed by researchers at the Crop Innovation Center.

Regent Tiedeman moved to adopt Resolution 11414. The motion was seconded by Regent Walsh and approved on a voice vote.

#### Approval of a UW-Madison Fixed Price Agreement with EG Crop Science, Inc.

Resolution 11414     That, upon 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 EG Crop Science, Inc. for a term of 27 months.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM (ATP) UPDATE**

[Recording: 01:08:45]

President Petersen called upon Robert Cramer, UW System Vice President for Administration, to join UW-Madison Vice Chancellor Heller in providing an update on the Administrative Transformation Program (ATP).

Vice President Cramer said the UW System and UW-Madison engaged in an assessment of existing business processes and IT systems in the areas of finance and human resources in 2018. Currently Oracle PeopleSoft is used for both the Shared Financial System (first implemented in 2019, with 21,000 users Systemwide) and the Shared Human Resources System (first implemented in 2011 with a major upgrade completed in 2017). The hardware used to host these systems is located on the UW-Madison campus.

Vice Chancellor Heller said the 2018 assessment identified over 500 third party, bolt on, shadow, or other ancillary systems across UW System. The estimated cost of ancillary systems at UW-Madison is about \$10 million to \$20 million in addition to the cost of supporting core systems (SFS and HRS). He noted that many of these systems will need be upgraded in the next several years if the ATP project does not move forward.

Vice Chancellor Heller said the assessment also identified a range of inconsistent business processes that add complexity to HR and finance tasks, contribute to the lack of good data for reporting and decision making, and pose significant information security challenges.

Vice President Cramer said the ATP preplanning project was presented to the Board of Regents in February 2019. He summarized the preplanning work that has already been done, including building a core project team; identifying strategy leads for research, HR, finance, change management, and other functional areas; and reviewing the current state at all UW institutions.

Vice President Cramer indicated that preplanning work was carried out with the understanding that ATP should focus on standardizing HR and finance business processes, improving the experience of employees who use these tools, providing significantly better information for making decisions, and addressing operational risks that have been identified. He said the migration to cloud-based technology is also intended to support these priorities.

Vice Chancellor Heller indicated that the preferred strategy for implementation is to move UW-Madison and UWSA forward together in Phase I with a strong focus on process standardization and the elimination of ancillary systems; the other UW institutions would

move forward in Phase II. He said Phase I is projected to be completed within three years, with an additional two years needed to complete Phase II.

Vice President Cramer reported that UW System Administration initially anticipated requesting Board approval in April to proceed with planning and implementation, including contracts for cloud-based software, implementation services, and quality assurance.

Vice Chancellor Heller stated, "The business case for ATP remains strong and compelling. The COVID-19 pandemic unfortunately necessitates a slower approach than we had planned." He indicated that the selection of a cloud-based software will be paused with no award. The implementation selection process will be rescheduled, and a statement of work for the quality assurance vendor will be finished.

Vice Chancellor Heller indicated that UW System and UW-Madison will report again on the status of this preplanning work at the Board's June 2020 meeting and, if circumstances support proceeding, will present a resolution to move forward with ATP planning and implementation.

President Petersen reported that Board and System leadership met prior to the Governor's "Safer at Home" order to discuss ATP and agreed that the preplanning assessment warranted moving forward with this "long overdue" initiative to modernize processes and improve IT security.

Regent Mueller cautioned that projects like these are very difficult to pull off on time, on budget, and with the desired functionality. Noting that no cost estimates have been formally presented to the Board, she urged her colleagues to keep a close eye on this project in the future.

President Petersen acknowledged that the substantial expenditures required for this investment will also bring greater scrutiny.

Vice Chancellor Heller said the ATP planning team fully expects appropriate oversight and accountability around this major capital investment.

Vice President Cramer indicated that one of the expected responsibilities of the quality assurance partner will be to report directly to the Board of Regents on the status of the project without the filter of management.

President Petersen reminded the Board that they would hear more in the future about this multi-phase, 5-year investment plan.

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## **CHANGES TO THE UW SYSTEM ONLINE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION (EAPP)**

[Recording: 01:23:50]

President Petersen turned to President Cross for an overview of proposed changes to the UW System Online Application for Admission (EApp).

President Cross explained that this proposal is part of a larger ongoing effort to help students more easily find their way into the UW System: “The reduction of the EApp fee from \$50 to \$25 dollars is one of the ways we are keeping our pledge to students and families to maintain access, affordability, and opportunity.”

President Cross said this fee reduction is intended to:

- 1) Incentivize more students to apply to a UW university. UW institutions currently admit just 3 out of every 10 students who graduate from a high school (2 out of 10 for students of color).
- 2) Encourage students to apply to more than one UW university. Currently, 75% of the students who apply to the UW System only apply to one institution.
- 3) Improve application completion rates. Last year more than 100,000 applications were created, but only 67,000 applications were submitted.

President Cross explained that reducing application fees is rooted in the need to stay competitive, noting that UW System application fees are as or more expensive than what other state systems charge: “Reducing our fee is a small but significant step in being able to compete with bordering states.”

President Cross said the fee reduction also supports the UW System’s commitment to affordability. He assured that anyone who cannot afford the \$25 fee will still be eligible to obtain a waiver.

President Cross said the UW System also wants to ensure students seeking to transfer between and among its two- and four-year institutions do not have to pay the electronic application fee a second time.

Indicating that the new EApp was under development prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, President Cross observed, “Having an easy, low-cost application is likely more critical now than ever.”

Regent Woodmansee moved to adopt Resolution 11415. The motion was seconded by Regent Grebe.

Regent Beightol applauded these changes, particularly the option for students to apply to more than one UW institution, for supporting accessibility, affordability, and the move towards a more unified System.

President Petersen suggested that one potential consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic is that more Wisconsin students could choose to attend in-state schools. He also noted that the UW System's schools are very safe and may appeal to nonresident and international students as well.

Regent Hall concurred with President Petersen's comments and stated her support for the changes.

Responding to questions from Regent Walsh, President Cross said the estimated cost of the proposed changes will be about \$2.5 million across the UW System. He noted that the fee reduction does not apply to UW-Madison and is expected to be offset by increased applications. President Cross indicated that some campuses are considering a total waiver of application fees for the 2020-21 academic year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but no decisions have been made at this time.

Referring to the concerns previously expressed by Regent Beightol regarding the decision to proceed with capital projects at this time, President Cross stated, "There are a lot of things we don't know about the fall. We are planning to be open fully for business – including our residence halls, auxiliary operations, etc. – at this point, but as more information becomes available we'll make adjustments." He said the UW System is projecting a significant decline in international students coming to the UW institutions regardless of what scenario takes place, as well as a decline in out-of-state students, the extent of which is uncertain. The UW System is also predicting an increase in Wisconsin students, but does not yet know the impact of online enrollments.

President Cross concluded, "Those factors will influence what happens in the fall. We are trying our best not to make any early decisions but to control our costs on the program revenue side." He said the UW System should have a report to the Board ready in June about what program revenue projects will be paused or delayed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Petersen thanked the Regents for their comments and noted, "The focus on financial responsibility and accountability has never been stronger."

With no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 11415 was approved on a voice vote.

## Approval of Reduction to EApp Application Fee

Resolution 11415 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves the proposed request to 1) reduce the application fee to \$25 for new undergraduate admission to UW universities, excepting UW-Madison, for applications received on or after August 1, 2020, and to; 2) exempt application fees for all students transferring from a UW branch campus or a UW university to another UW university within one year.

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## **UW SYSTEM STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK UPDATE**

[\[Recording: 01:38:57\]](#)

President Petersen asked President Cross to provide an overview of the proposed update to the UW System strategic framework which was approved by the Board in 2016.

Noting that Board approval of a strategic framework is not required under Regent policy, President Cross said the active endorsement of these priorities by leadership sends an important message throughout the UW System that the university's actions are guided by a consistent vision: "All organizations face specific challenges that override or overwhelm their long-term strategic plans. Clearly, the COVID-19 pandemic will require specific strategies and focused efforts; however, I believe these broadly stated pillars and the System strategies within each pillar will remain and help guide the System and the institutions within the System through this crisis."

Prior to the adoption of the 2020FWD strategic framework in 2016, President Cross said UW System leadership spent several months traveling the state to receive input from faculty, staff, students, and community and business leaders. UW System Administration developed a list of several priorities and initiatives at both the System and campus levels, falling under the four larger pillars of the Educational Pipeline, the University Experience, Business and Community Mobilization, and Operational Excellence.

System Administration also developed methods to track progress on these priorities and presents a "report card" to the Board annually, in addition to publishing the report card online. President Cross stated, "I am pleased with the progress we made," but noted that not every initiative was completed due to resource constraints.

In fall 2019, System leadership began to discuss how to "refresh" the strategic framework for the next several years. President Cross reported that System Administration gathered a diversity of campus and community viewpoints representing all corners of the state using a simplified process of gathering input.

President Cross said the four main “pillars” of the original framework continue to serve well as the broad topics under which the UW System’s “2025FWD” goals are organized. He explained that campus-level priorities are not included in the latest iteration of the strategic framework: “Our focus is at the System-level, and not to be overly prescriptive on how campuses respond to each of these priorities.”

President Cross also clarified that the Board’s adoption of this framework is not meant to be binding on the next UW System President: “These priorities are intended to address the most obvious challenges facing the UW System and higher education, and in many cases reflect initiatives that have been in progress for several years...I expect my successor will find that to be the case, but he or she will be entirely able to make any adjustments as they deem appropriate.”

President Cross proceeded to provide an overview the updated strategic framework’s System-level priorities in each of the four pillars.

Regent Stanford Taylor moved to adopt Resolution 11416. The motion was seconded by Regent Hall.

Regent Woodmansee stated, “Right now it is imperative that we have highly structured online classes for everyone.” She asked whether the System considered making enhancement of online resources one of the priorities in its new strategic framework.

President Cross said both the Educational Pipeline and Business & Community Mobilization pillars include elements related to improving and expanding alternative delivery methods for both credit and non-credit programs.

Regent Mueller commended President Cross on the updated framework, observing that “being nimble, especially in this time, is really hard for such a large \$6 billion enterprise.”

With no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 11416 was approved on a voice vote.

#### Approval of an Update to UW System’s Strategic Framework

Resolution 11416     That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the Board of Regents adopts the proposed UW System Strategic Framework, entitled “UW System - 2025FWD”.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE CODE MODIFICATIONS

[Recording: 01:58:15]

President Petersen provided an overview of proposed modifications to Wisconsin Administrative Code that would update Chapter UWS 17, "Nonacademic Student Misconduct," to reflect and fully implement the freedom of expression policy previously adopted by the Board, and update Chapter UWS 18, "Conduct on University Lands," to clarify what would be considered harassment on campus.

President Petersen reported that the Board held public hearings on both proposed rule orders on March 5, 2020 and accepted written public comments on the proposed rule orders through March 12, 2020. Summaries of the hearings and public comments were provided to the Regents.

President Petersen explained that the next step in the rulemaking process is the Board's approval of the revised rule orders which incorporate revisions to effect changes recommended by the Legislative Council. If approved by the Board, the rule orders will be sent to the Governor's Office for review and approval.

Regent Grebe moved to adopt Resolution 11417. The motion was seconded by Regent Jones.

Regent Colón asked, "How do we define 'destructive', 'violent', and 'disorderly,' and ensure that there is consistent and fair application as we move forward with this process? Are we concerned that there may be more severe physical – or even sexual – offenses that might not have the same type of consequences, and will this take away from individual campus autonomy to allow them to make their own decisions? Also, could these more restrictive measures put us in jeopardy of not receiving taxpayer dollars due to the executive order that was made by President Trump?"

Regent Colón questioned whether the proposed changes are necessary when taking into consideration the current authority of the UW System as well as general law enforcement. He also expressed concern about whether repeat offenders of the free expression policy with potential mental health issues would be able to receive needed support services.

Regent Colón said, "If a person is violent or disorderly not only once, not only twice, but three times, then it seems reasonable and fair that some kind of accountability should be in place. Personally, I feel that we should do all we can to allow freedom of expression – whether it be on the right, on the left, or independent – and that it be peaceful and even robust. My lens on freedom of expression is that it should be safe, it should be equitable, and it should be done with respect."

Regent Colón concluded that because he had not participated in the rulemaking process prior to this vote, he would feel more comfortable abstaining.

President Petersen thanked Regent Colón for his thoughtful comments on the importance of freedom of expression.

Regent Manydeeds expressed agreement with Regent Colón's comments and encouraged him not to abstain. Regent Manydeeds said he would vote against Resolution 11417.

Regent Woodmansee said she agreed with several of the thoughts expressed by Regent Colón and by other Board members at previous meetings. She stated, "Because I holistically don't agree with the genesis behind this statement, that is why I will be voting 'no' today." She added, "I've heard several thoughts from several students, faculty, and staff on this that are not in support, and I want to make sure that those views are represented on the Board."

Regent Walsh stated that her views on this are well known and that she had not seen or heard anything during the hearings or feedback periods to change her opinion that this rule is on "very shaky" First Amendment grounds. She expressed confidence in the ability of the chancellors and their staff across the UW System to solve these problems at the campus level: "I think it's an unnecessary rule, and I will again be voting 'no'."

Regent Stanford Taylor noted that she had expressed concerns about this matter at a previous Board meeting. Stating that the testimony given at the public hearings seemed to comport with the comments made by her Regent colleagues, she indicated that she would be voting against Resolution 11417.

Regent Jones said, "Reasonable people can disagree about an issue like this. From my own perspective, I think the rule does a pretty good job of balancing competing interests. I also think that if an individual has been warned once not to do something and they do it again, they suffer the consequences." Regent Jones concluded that he would vote to support this rule.

With no additional comments or questions, the motion to adopt Resolution 11417 was approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Administrative Code Modifications to Ch. UWS 17, Wis. Admin. Code, "Student Nonacademic Misconduct Procedures."

Resolution 11417      That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Revised Rule Language and Revised Administrative Code Rule Order for Ch. UWS 17, Wis. Admin. Code, "Nonacademic Student Misconduct."

Regent Walsh moved to adopt Resolution 11418. The motion was seconded by Regent Woodmansee and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Administrative Code Modifications to Ch. UWS 18, Wis. Admin. Code, "Conduct on University Lands."

Resolution 11418 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Revised Rule Language and Revised Administrative Code Rule Order for Ch. UWS 18, Wis. Admin. Code, "Conduct on University Lands."

President Petersen stated, "The unprecedented nature of the current public health emergency requires that institutions have every tool possible to meet immediate needs on campus and respond promptly." He noted that in some cases, appropriate response measures may require waiver of certain provisions of Board of Regents policy or Wisconsin Administrative Code.

To allow for prompt response to the rapidly evolving situation, President Petersen recommended temporarily delegating authority to the UW System President to grant waivers to Board of Regents policy and to request of the Governor the waiver of provisions of Wisconsin Administrative Code. He indicated that these waivers would be of limited duration to allow for appropriate response to the current public health emergency.

President Petersen emphasized that any significant matters that materially affect Board governance or the strategic direction of the UW System and its campuses would still require approval by the Executive Committee and/or the full Board of Regents.

Regent Peterson moved to adopt Resolution 11419. The motion was seconded by Regent Stanford Taylor.

President Petersen said this recommendation was the result of discussions with Regent leadership, the Office of General Counsel, senior UW System staff, and President Cross and the chancellors. He noted that it would be difficult and inefficient for the full Board or Executive Committee to repeatedly assemble for what are expected to be rather routine decisions.

Regent Delgado asked whether there is a target date for when the Board can expect to rescind this authority. President Petersen clarified that the delegation of authority will expire 90 days after it retroactively becomes effective.

Regent Mueller urged President Petersen to ensure that any financial or programmatic decisions made under this delegation of authority are well documented. President Petersen affirmed that this is the intent of President Cross and senior staff and added that

he was “very impressed” with the amount of documentation already occurring related to the pandemic’s operational impacts to the UW System and institutions.

President Cross said any decisions made under this delegation of authority will be reported to the Board on a regular basis. He also indicated that it is unlikely he will use this authority without first discussing matters with Board leadership.

Regent Klein asked whether this delegation of authority is intended to be effective for the duration of the Governor’s “Safer at Home” order.

General Counsel Williams explained that requests for waivers will be submitted by chancellors and vetted by the President’s Office, likely in consultation with Board leadership and the chairs of the relevant Board committees. He indicated that the duration of the temporary delegation of authority is roughly equivalent to the current timeline of the “Safer at Home” order.

President Petersen stated that the approval of the full Board or the Executive Committee would be required to extend the temporary delegation of authority.

The motion to adopt Resolution 11419 was approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Temporarily Waive Provisions of Regent Policy Documents and Wisconsin Administrative Code

Resolution 11419      WHEREAS, a novel strain of the coronavirus, now named COVID-19, has spread throughout numerous countries including the United States;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared that a public health emergency and a period of abnormal economic disruption exists in the state of Wisconsin, under Executive Order 72 signed on March 12, 2020;

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin System and its institutions have been working to protect students, employees, and campus partners from the spread of this disease, and to prepare for the impacts it may have on local communities, the state of Wisconsin, and our University of Wisconsin institutions; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and well-being of the students and employees of the University of Wisconsin System, and communities throughout the state, the nation, and the world, the University of Wisconsin System must avail itself of all resources needed to respond to and contain the presence of COVID-19 throughout all of its institutions.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, the UW System Board of Regents delegates to the System President the authority to temporarily suspend the provisions of Regent Policy Documents and to request suspension of the provisions of any administrative rule under Wis. Stat. s. 323.12(4)(d) and Executive Order #72, if the System President determines that any provisions of the Regent Policy Documents or administrative rule would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions to respond to the public health emergency or the abnormal economic disruption, effective March 19, 2020, for a period not to exceed 90 days unless so authorized or extended by the Board of Regents.

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## **REGENT COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS**

[\[Recording: 02:20:57\]](#)

There were no communications, petitions, or memorials.

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## **CLOSED SESSION**

[\[Recording: 02:21:17\]](#)

President Petersen called upon Vice President Grebe to read the motion to move into closed session. The motion was seconded by Regent Delgado and adopted on a roll-call vote, with Regents Beightol, Colón, Delgado, Grebe, Hall, Jones, Klein, Levzow, Manydeeds, Mueller, Petersen, Peterson, Plante, Stanford Taylor, Tiedeman, Walsh, and Woodmansee. There were no dissenting votes and no abstentions.

### Closed Session Resolution

Resolution 11420      That the Board of Regents move into closed session to: a) consider personal histories as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats., related to a UW-Superior honorary degree nomination; b) consider personal histories, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats., related to the

naming of facilities at UW-Eau Claire; c) consider the appointment of a Chancellor of UW-Green Bay, as permitted under s. 19.85(1)(c) and (e), Wis. Stats.; and d) confer with legal counsel regarding potential litigation in which it is likely to become involved regarding contracts, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats.

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The Board recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened in closed session at 11:55 a.m.

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Before considering any items on the closed 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 Beightol, Regent Jones, and Regent Klein each recused themselves from discussion of potential litigation due to potential conflicts of interest.

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During the closed session, Resolution 11420 was moved by Regent Walsh, seconded by Regent Woodmansee, and adopted on a voice vote.

Authority to Name the New Welcome Center, UW-Eau Claire

Resolution 11420 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 that the new Welcome Center be named, "Flesch Family Welcome Center."

Resolution 11421 was moved by Regent Walsh, seconded by Regent Lezvow, and adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Authorization to Appoint: Chancellor, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Resolution 11421 That, upon the recommendation of the Special Regent Committee for the UW-Green Bay Chancellor Search and the President of the UW System, Michael Alexander be appointed Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, effective May 1, 2020 at an annual salary of \$250,000.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

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Submitted by:

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

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