

**UW System Board of Regents  
Meeting of the Business & Finance Committee  
University of Wisconsin System Administration  
1820 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Drive, Madison, WI  
Via WebEx  
August 20, 2020**

The Meeting of the Business and Finance Committee was called to order at 8:45 AM by the Chair, Regent Scott Beightol.

**A. Calling of the Roll**

Regents Beightol, Atwell, Delgado, Jones, Levzow, Peterson, and Saffold were present. Regent Bogost arrived after the approval of the Minutes. At all times, the Committee had a quorum.

**B. Declaration of Conflicts**

The Chair asked Committee Members to identify any conflicts of interest. After hearing no responses, he recused himself from voting on Item H., UW-Madison's contract with Rockwell Automation, Inc.

**C. Approval of the Minutes of the June 4, 2020 Meeting of the Business and Finance Committee**

Upon the motion of Regent Atwell and the second of Regent Jones, the Committee approved the minutes of the June 4, 2020 Business and Finance Committee meeting.

**D. Review and Approval of UW System Semi-Annual Status Report on Large/Vital Information Technology Projects**

Upon the motion of Regent Delgado and the second of Regent Atwell, the Committee (including Regent Bogost) approved the UW System Semi-Annual Status Report on Large/Vital Information Technology Projects. Associate Vice President for the Office of Learning and Information Technology and Chief Information Officer Steven Hopper presented an overview of the report which covers sixteen (16) major projects with an actual or projected cost greater than \$1M or have been identified by the Board as high-risk. He emphasized the impacts on the projects due to the COVID-19 pandemic, describing challenges with labor, supply chain, and fiscal issues. Some time was spent highlighting the statuses of a few projects, including: Digital Learning Environment, Seamless Transfer Solution, EApp (Electronic Admissions Application Upgrade), Administrative Transformation Program (ATP), SysNet 2020 Network Upgrade, UW-Madison's Campus Access Controls Replacement, and UW-Madison's Endpoint Management. Associate Vice President Hopper made himself available to answer any questions from the Committee. Finally, there was a short demonstration of Canvas as digital learning environment.

**E. Review of the Semi-Annual Report on Gifts, Grants, and Contracts**

The Committee heard a review of the Semi-Annual Report on Gifts, Grants, and Contracts covering July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. UW System Vice President for Finance Sean Nelson provided a summary that included total gifts, grants, and contracts of \$1.7B, a 3.7% increase (\$61.1M) from the prior year. Federal awards increased \$110.5M (11.2%), which is largely the result of \$94.2M received through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Vice President Nelson was available to address any questions from the Committee.

- F. Approval of a UW-Milwaukee Fee for Service Contract with EAB Global, Inc.**  
Upon the motion of Regent Jones and the second of Regent Atwell, the Committee approved a service agreement between UW-Milwaukee (UWM) and EAB Global, Inc. for a five-year term with a total contract cost of \$1.12M. UW-Milwaukee's Chancellor, Mark Mone, and Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration, Robin Van Harpen, introduced the contract and made themselves available to answer questions from the Committee. Under the agreement, EAB will provide technology platforms and coordination of a regional collaborative among UWM, Milwaukee Area Technical College, UW-Parkside, and Carthage College to improve student retention, graduation, and success throughout southeastern Wisconsin, with a particular focus on reducing the equity gap. EAB will employ its extensive expertise and online platforms to assist UWM and the other participating institutions in a program EAB has named the "Moon Shot for Equity."
- G. Approval of a UW-Madison Master Research Agreement with Adisseo France S.A.S.**  
Upon the motion of Regent Lezvow and the second of Regent Jones, the Committee approved a master research agreement between UW-Madison and Adisseo France S.A.S. for a five-year term with an estimated dollar value to exceed \$1M over the course of the contract. UW-Madison Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Laurent Heller introduced the contract and made himself available to answer any questions from the Committee. Under the agreement, the Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences at UW-Madison will perform research in the areas of ruminant nutrition and physiology, with a particular focus on dairy cattle. Dissemination of this research will help nutritionists and dairy producers in Wisconsin and worldwide to feed the world's growing population, reduce the environmental impact of their production systems, and to attain economic sustainability, supporting the Wisconsin Idea.
- H. Approval of a UW-Madison Master Research Agreement with Rockwell Automation, Inc.**  
Upon the motion of Regent Jones and the second of Regent Bogost, the Committee approved a master research agreement between UW-Madison and Rockwell Automation, Inc. for a five-year term with an estimated dollar value to exceed \$1M over the course of the contract. Vice Chancellor Heller introduced the contract and made himself available to answer any questions from the Committee. Under the agreement, the College of Engineering will provide research to this Milwaukee-headquartered company in the areas of motion, drive, and motor control, communications, security and safety, emerging human machine interfaces, algorithms, simulation and emulation, sensors and thermal management. Chair Scott Beightol recused himself from voting on this agenda item.
- I. Approval of a UW-Madison Collaboration Agreement with HackerUSA, D.B.A. HackerU**  
Upon the motion of Regent Atwell and the second of Regent Delgado, the Committee approved a three-year agreement between the UW-Madison College of Engineering's Office of Engineering Professional Development (EPD) and HackerUSA, Inc. to collaborate in offering EPD's intensive digital skills training programs, with the company making all financial investments in content development, marketing, delivery, and job placement for those who successfully complete the program. Vice Chancellor Heller introduced this final contract of the meeting with UW-Madison and answered any questions from the Committee. This agreement will allow EPD to quickly establish a new set of programs in critically important digital skills areas that are highly complementary to UW-Madison's current offerings, and fill gaps in practical knowledge and skills

for individuals and employers in Wisconsin and beyond. Annual revenue to UW-Madison is projected at \$1 million in the first year, growing to \$2 million annually.

#### **J. Administrative Transformation Program Preplanning Update**

UW System Vice President for Administration Rob Cramer and UW-Madison Vice Chancellor Laurent Heller provided an update on preplanning activities and timelines of the Administrative Transformation Program (ATP). ATP is an integrated program centered on streamlining policies, standardizing processes, organizing roles, and modernizing technology with cloud-based enterprise resource planning (ERP) software to support future state human resources, finance, and research administration services. The status included: discussion of impacts of COVID-19 on the project, evaluation of internal controls, improving information security, deciding the best approach with incremental versus full-scale replacement, vendor demonstrations, developing a future state model, visiting other organizations who have been through the process, and connecting with our campuses in efforts to hone focus on the administrative processes to better access data and information. Follow-up presentations will be made at October's Committee meeting and full Board of Regents meeting.

#### **K. Report of the Vice Presidents**

Vice President Cramer provided an update on recent information security incidents related to vendor provided services and emphasized the importance of continued work with the campuses to address these challenges. Next, he spoke of recent changes in budgetary and human resources impacting UW-Shared Services, and how the structure was evolving in response to these changes and the needs of the campuses while continuing to provide established services.

Vice President Nelson spoke about the State and Federal COVID-19 assistance. The CARES funding dedicated to emergency grants for students included over \$40M allocated across the UW System to a total of 42,065 students with an average grant of \$962. These funds were used for educational costs, housing, food, and other expenses.

Vice President Nelson noted the UW System was also successful in securing an additional \$19M in CARES funding for COVID-related expenses and \$32M to implement the testing program at all of the UW institutions. Both of these tranches of funding are sourced from CARES funding provided to the state of Wisconsin and are administered by DOA. To date, the updated total on funding available provided under the Federal CARES act – including the student emergency grants and institutional funding – is now approximately \$155.8M.

Emerging from the CARES funding brief, questions from the Committee prompted Vice Presidents Cramer and Nelson to discuss COVID-19 planning. UW System Interim President Tommy Thompson joined the meeting at the end of the Vice Presidents' report to provide additional information on the use of finances and planning to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joyce E. Jackson  
Recording Secretary