RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 10, 2020
3:00 p.m.

By Webex Videoconference

-President Petersen presiding-

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CALLING OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Regents Andrew S. Petersen (Chair), Scott Beightol, Michael Grebe, Mike Jones, Edmund Manydeeds, and Karen Walsh

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regents Robert Atwell, Eve Hall, and Tracey Klein

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Before considering any items on the open session agenda, President Petersen asked if any Board members wished to declare conflicts of interest as per Regent Policy Document 2-4, “Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy for the UW System Board of Regents.” No conflicts were declared.

Katie Ignatowski, Director of the UW System Office of Compliance & Integrity, provided an overview of the request to approve a notice of public hearing on the emergency rules for Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapters UWS 4, 7, 11, and 17 which went into effect on August 14, 2020. She explained that a public hearing is required to take place within 45 days of the emergency rules taking effect. The UW System is proposing to hold a public hearing on September 25, 2020, with a corresponding public comment period running through October 9, 2020.

Director Ignatowski indicated that the public hearing notice will be circulated to a broad swathe of stakeholder groups and a webpage will be posted for submitting comments which will be considered during the process of drafting permanent rules. She said a draft of permanent rule language will be provided to the Board later in the year, with the goal of having final rules in place prior to the expiration of the emergency rules.
The adoption of Resolution 11497 was moved by Regent Grebe and seconded by Regent Jones. President Petersen opened the floor to discussion by members of the Executive Committee and other Regents who were present on the call.

Regent Beightol noted the UW System is opting to take a broader role in reviewing matters that do not meet the federal government's more limited definition of Title IX misconduct requiring investigation. Director Ignatowski confirmed that this is correct.

Responding to a question from Regent Beightol, Director Ignatowski indicated that the UW System plans to provide a more detailed fiscal estimate in the permanent rule language related to the potential costs associated with the changes, which include holding live hearings and providing advisors to complainants and respondents. She said her office is working with campuses to determine what effect the changing definitions of Title IX misconduct and the new live hearing requirement could have on the volume of cases, which will in turn inform the final fiscal estimate.

With no further questions, the motion to adopt Resolution 11497 was approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Notice of Public Hearing on Emergency Rules for UWS 4, 7, 11, and 17

Resolution 11497 That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves a Notice of Public Hearing on Emergency Rules for UWS 4, 7, 11, and 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/ Jess Lathrop
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