BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

I. All Regents
Thursday, May 7, 2020
3:00 p.m.

1. Calling of the Roll

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Introduction of newly-appointed Regents

4. Update on the UW System President search process

5. Declaration of Conflicts

6. Authority to Increase the Budget for the UW-Eau Claire Towers Hall Renovation Project

7. Authority to Construct the UW-Madison Gymnasium/Natatorium Replacement Project

8. Authority to Construct the UW-Madison Kohl Center Addition and Renovation Project

9. Authority to Increase the Budget for the UW-Whitewater Heating Plant Boilers Fuel Retrofit Project

10. Approval of a UW-Madison contractual agreement with Genentech, Inc.

11. Approval of a UW-Madison contractual agreement with Sanofi US Services, Inc.

12. Approval of a UW-Madison contractual agreement with Compass Group USA

13. Approval of a temporary suspension of the ACT/SAT requirements of Regent Policy Document 7-3, “UW System Freshman Admissions Policy”
14. Changes to Board of Regents 2020 meeting schedule

15. Presentations and discussion regarding the impacts of COVID-19 on the UW System campuses and President Cross's strategic vision for addressing the COVID-19 pandemic

16. Move into closed session to consider programmatic and financial impacts of enrollment and revenue changes related to the COVID-19 pandemic, that if discussed publicly, would undermine the UW System's competitive position, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats.
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Item 6.

AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWERS HALL RENOVATION PROJECT, UW-EAU CLAIRE

REQUESTED ACTION

Adoption of Resolution 6., authorizing increasing the budget for the Towers Hall Renovation.

Resolution 6. 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 increasing the budget for the Towers Hall Renovation project by $3,808,000 Existing-Program Revenue Supported Borrowing for a revised estimated total project cost of $42,777,000 Existing-Program Revenue Supported Borrowing.

SUMMARY

This project renovates both towers of the Karlgaard Residence Hall (formerly Towers North and Towers South). Phase I of the project has been completed and occupied by students. This project phase will modify the HVAC system and associated digital controls in the Karlgaard residence hall to reduce the accumulation of condensation and associated hazardous air quality conditions created by increased moisture.

By phasing the modifications to occur during holidays and summer term the university can maintain necessary resident hall room availability during construction.

As previously reported, a significant number of unforeseen conditions hindered the renovation of the Karlgaard Towers, and the project required additional funds to mitigate those conditions. The university made modifications to the design during construction to keep increased cost at a minimum, while still preserving the original project intent. The south tower renovation was completed in the summer of 2018 and was occupied for the 2018-19 academic year. The north tower was completed and occupied for the 2019-20 academic year.
Presenter

- Alex Roe, Senior Associate Vice President for Capital Planning and Budget

BACKGROUND

During the academic year after construction was completed on the first tower, housing staff noticed a significant increase in condensation on the walls and windows in the newly renovated student rooms. Because similar designs of the newly installed HVAC system had proven successful on previous residence hall renovations, DFDM hired a consultant to understand the cause of the increased condensation. Upon investigation by building scientists, it was determined that the unusual building envelope of Karlgaard, in combination with the building's size and increased efficiency of the building systems, prevented the HVAC system from properly balancing indoor humidity levels. In order to reduce condensation and prevent hazardous air quality conditions from developing, the scientists and engineers proposed a modification to the system that should mitigate these conditions.

This budget increase covers bids received to implement the mechanical solution. Since the previous budget increase had not been fully utilized, residual contingency offsets a portion of the increased costs.

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Previous Action

July 27, 2018  Resolution 11072

Recommended that the budget the Towers Hall Renovation project be increased by $3,000,000 Existing Program Revenue Supported Borrowing for a revised estimated total project cost of $38,969,000 Existing Program Revenue Supported Borrowing.
July 26, 2017  Resolution 10928
Recommended that the budget the Towers Hall Renovation project be increased by $3,000,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing to accept bids for a revised estimated total project cost of $35,969,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing.

July 6, 2017  Resolution 10903
Granted authority to rename the Towers Residence Hall the “David and Marilyn Karlgaard Hall.”

October 7, 2016  Resolution 10766
Approved the Design Report of the Towers Hall Renovation project and granted authority to construct the project for total cost of $32,969,000 Existing Program Revenue Supported Borrowing.

Related Policies

- Regent Policy Document 19-8, “Funding of University Facilities Capital Costs”
- Regent Policy Document 19-16, “Building Program Planning and Approval”
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AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT THE GYMNASIUM/NATATORIUM REPLACEMENT PROJECT, UW-MADISON

REQUESTED ACTION

Adoption of Resolution 7., authorizing construction of the Gymnasium/Natatorium Replacement project.

Resolution 7. 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 Gymnasium/Natatorium Replacement project for an estimated total cost $121,047,000 ($85,901,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing and $35,146,000 Gifts).

SUMMARY

This project demolishes the original Gymnasium/Natatorium (148,667/249,579 ASF/GSF) building and constructs a new 262,108 GSF replacement facility with an adaptive fitness laboratory for the Kinesiology program, basketball courts, an ice sheet with spectator seating, an indoor track, multi-purpose activity spaces, racquetball courts, expanded fitness areas for cardio and strength training, and a wellness center for recreational sports – all amenities that are prevalent at peer institutions. Although the modest net square footage increase will still not meet the National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) standards for square footage per student, it will allow the recreational sports program to grow and provide increased accessibility, visibility, and utilization by students.

Completion of this project will also allow Intercollegiate Athletics, as per their master plan, to repurpose and fully occupy the Camp Randall Sports Center, a space that is currently shared with recreational sports. A new ice arena with a singular new sheet of ice will be in the proposed new Gymnasium/Natatorium, effectively relocating the sheet of ice currently located in the Sports Center. The campus has secured a gift donation to be dedicated specifically to the creation of a new ice arena.
Presenter

- Alex Roe, Senior Associate Vice President for Capital Planning and Budget

BACKGROUND

The original facility was constructed in an era and for a purpose vastly different than current physical activity demands. The building was designed to host men-only physical education classes and activity. It was expanded with single-use activity rooms, long windowless corridors between activity spaces, and men’s restrooms. The Gymnasium/Natatorium boasts annual participation by 1.5 million campus users and 100,000 users from the hosted special events. It provides facilities for robust fitness and wellness programs and a multitude of sports, swimming, and group-based activities options.

In April 2020, the Board of Regents approved the demolition and abatement scope of this project to prepare the site for a new replacement building. This request for authority to construct will allow bidding in November for the replacement building. In order to keep the project on schedule an early bid package for the demolition and abatement work will be released as the design team finishes the construction documents for the new building. This sequencing will facilitate an expedited project schedule to meet donor expectations of a late 2021 opening for the new facility.

Extensive site protection is required to ensure the Native American burial mounds on the north side of the building are maintained in their current state.

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Previous Action

August 24, 2018 Resolution 11079

Recommended that the Gymnasium/Natatorium Replacement project at an estimated total cost of $126,391,000 ($91,991,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing and $34,400,000
Gift/Grant Funds) be submitted to the Department of Administration as part of the UW System 2019-21 Capital Budget Request.

April 2, 2020 Resolution 11408

Granted authority to construct 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-Cash and $1,454,000 Gift Funds).

Related Policies

- Regent Policy Document 19-8, “Funding of University Facilities Capital Costs”
- Regent Policy Document 19-16, “Building Program Planning and Approval”
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AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT THE KOHL CENTER ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT, UW-MADISON

REQUESTED ACTION

Adoption of Resolution 8., authorizing construction of the Kohl Center Addition and Renovation project.

Resolution 8. 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 Kohl Center Addition and Renovation project for an estimated total cost of $48,074,000 ($33,974,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing, $10,000,000 Gifts and $4,100,000 Program Revenue-Cash).

SUMMARY

This project constructs a new addition over the loading dock area to provide additional space for strength and conditioning, sports medicine, academics, and administrative functions. The renovation work includes upgrades to practice/playing surfaces and the upgrade of service level spaces impacting locker rooms, media rooms, club rooms, and kitchen/dining. These new and renovated spaces will serve men's and women's basketball, golf, hockey, swimming, and tennis programs, as well as the cheerleading and dance teams.

The proposed additional space at the Kohl Center will provide student athletes with tutoring and academic services to parallel the offerings currently available in Camp Randall Stadium; nutritional and dining opportunities in close proximity to their coaching and training areas in line with new NCAA recommendations; and training and sport rehabilitation areas to meet spatial requirements and standards. The Academic Center will be expanded to accommodate 10 tutoring sites, multi-purpose classrooms, and a computing laboratory/lounge. A new nutrition center will be created that can be easily accessed by all student athletes. Basketball practice courts use will be centralized between strength and performance and sports medicine programs. Additional administrative offices will be created to resolve space shortages in Kellner Hall such as the relocation of
swimming and diving offices to the Kohl Center, and to house new transformational units for student athlete development and diversity and inclusion.

Presenter

- Alex Roe, Senior Associate Vice President for Capital Planning and Budget

BACKGROUND

The Kohl Center has been transformed into the central hub of athletics operations and student athletes in the basketball, hockey, swimming and diving programs during the past decade. Several spaces (including academic services, dining, and sports performance) are now undersized and require expansion to fully serve the programmatic needs. Expanding those areas into a building addition allows other spaces within the arena to also be reconfigured and enlarged to provide greater functionality for the entire building. The recently completed feasibility study determined the area above the loading dock was the most suitable location for the proposed addition and allows the most connectivity within the building. The central media hub for athletics is located in the Kohl Center. At the time Kohl Center was designed, social media activities were not a core function of the department. Since the advent of social media, additional staff and resources are necessary to maintain an active and engaging presence for the Badger sports community.

Space limitations have forced student athletes to find creative ways to take advantage of the available support services, such as starting their morning workouts as early as 5:45 in the morning. Most teams are forced to break up into multiple groups as the strength and conditioning facility is not large enough to run a whole team through a training session at one time. This is difficult to manage and hinders team chemistry opportunities that come from training together. When the Kohl Center was originally opened, there was no dedicated academic space. The current academic center being utilized by student athletes is a renovated storage room and nearly one-third the size of the space per student at Camp Randall.

Nutritional services opportunities and practices that are commonplace today, based on current NCAA policies, were not yet conceived when the Kohl Center was originally designed. The addition of nutritional services space and the expansion of the Sports Medicine unit will ensure that student athletes can easily obtain services without traversing through the length of campus. By providing all services within one general location based on sport, UW-Madison's student athletes can be more efficient and thus more capable of achieving overall success not only on the playing field, but in the classroom as well.
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Previous Action

August 24, 2018 Resolution 11079

Recommended that the Kohl Center Addition and Renovation project at an estimated total cost of $48,074,000 ($33,974,000 PRSB, $10,000,000 GIFTS and $4,100,000 PR-CASH) be submitted to the Department of Administration as part of the UW System 2019-21 Capital Budget Request.

Related Policies

- Regent Policy Document 19-8, “Funding of University Facilities Capital Costs”
- Regent Policy Document 19-16, “Building Program Planning and Approval”
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Item 9.

AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE BUDGET OF THE HEATING PLANT
BOILERS FUEL RETROFIT PROJECT, UW-WHITEWATER

REQUESTED ACTION

Adoption of Resolution 9., authorizing a budget increase for the Heating Plant Boilers Fuel Retrofit project.

Resolution 9. That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Whitewater and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes a budget increase of $2,600,000 General Find Supported Borrowing for the Heating Plant Boilers Fuel Retrofit project for a revised estimated total cost of $9,537,000 ($6,554,000 General Find Supported Borrowing and $2,983,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing).

SUMMARY

This project will install new fuel oil burners on boilers #1 and #2 and update the pressure vessels and gas burners to safely, reliably, and efficiently produce steam to serve the entire campus. The project also assures full redundancy of steam production in the event the steam supplied by a third-party co-generation plant is not available. Project work includes installation of new programmable logic boiler controllers, modification and renovation of the boiler feed and condensate pumps, construction of new fuel oil storage and piping, compressed air system renovations, and all necessary electrical service and plumbing system modifications to accommodate the new equipment. New equipment will also be installed to correct the saturated steam supply from the third-party utility provider in the event that contract continues past its current expiration date.

Presenter

- Alex Roe, Senior Associate Vice President for Capital Planning and Budget
BACKGROUND

This request increases the project budget to match recent bid results for the project scope approved at the October 16, 2019, State Building Commission meeting. The budget increase is needed to complete the originally approved project scope and intent. The steam provided on campus is purchased from a third-party utility provider with the campus central Heating Plant providing primary backup to the purchased steam. Due to the expiration of that contract in July 2021, this project assures that the central heating plant is fully capable of producing the required steam to meet demand and provide full redundancy of service.

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Previous Action

August 24, 2018 Resolution 11079
Recommended that the UW-Whitewater Heating Plant Boilers Fuel Retrofit project at an estimated total cost of $6,937,000 ($3,954,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing and $2,983,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing) be submitted to the Department of Administration as part of the UW System 2019-21 Capital Budget Request.

October 11, 2019 Resolution 11293
Authorized construction of the UW-Whitewater Heating Plant Boilers Fuel Retrofit project at an estimated total cost of $6,937,000 ($3,954,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing and $2,983,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing).

Related Policies

- Regent Policy Document 19-8, “Funding of University Facilities Capital Costs”
- Regent Policy Document 19-16, “Building Program Planning and Approval”
I. All Regents

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UW-MADISON FEE FOR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GENENTECH, INC.

REQUESTED ACTION

Adoption of Resolution 10., approving the fee for services agreement between the Board of Regents and Genentech, Inc.

Resolution 10. 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 fee for services agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Genentech, Inc.

SUMMARY

The UW Fundus Photograph Reading Center will evaluate retinal images and provide related services to assist Genentech in assessing the results of its Phase 3 clinical trial titled “A Multicenter, Open Label Extension Study to Evaluate the Long Term Safety and Tolerability of Faricimab in Patients with Diabetic Macular Edema”. This study is a continuation of two current UW FPRC-Genentech projects currently being conducted. The study looks at the long-term safety associated with administration of Faricimab in patients with diabetic macular edema.

Genentech, Inc. is a subsidiary of F. Hoffman La Roche AG and employs close to 14,000 employees worldwide. Genentech is responsible for bringing important drugs to market ranging from synthetic insulin and treatments for age-related macular degeneration, hemophilia A, to non-small cell cancer.

Fee-for-service work undertaken by the Fundus Photograph Reading Center provides opportunities for further developing methods for analyzing both the progress of retinal diseases and the potential treatments for those diseases. Industry FFS work helps fund research and development in order to keep the FPRC at the forefront of image analysis in clinical trials of retinal disease. Cooperation with Genentech on clinical trials leads to knowledge and understanding of current and future treatments of retinal diseases. Data
generated from this clinical trial will be presented to the FDA for device and drug approval potentially improving the lives of patients in the US and worldwide.

Presenter:

- Laurent Heller, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, UW-Madison

BACKGROUND

Regent Policy Document 13-1 requires any grant or contract with private profit-making organizations in excess of $1,000,000 be presented to the Board for formal approval prior to execution.

Previous Action or Discussion

The study under consideration is a continuation of two current UW FPRC-Genentech projects approved by the Board in February 2020.

Related Policies

- Regent Policy Document 13-1, “General Contract Signature Authority, Approval, and Reporting”
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UW-MADISON MASTER CLINICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH SANOFI US SERVICES, INC.

REQUESTED ACTION

Adoption of Resolution 11., approving the master clinical services agreement between the Board of Regents and Sanofi US Services, Inc.

Resolution 11. 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 services agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Sanofi US Services, Inc.

SUMMARY

The School of Medicine and Public Health, with assistance from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has negotiated a master services agreement with Sanofi US Services, Inc. In consideration for providing statistical data analysis services related to Sanofi clinical studies, Sanofi shall pay the University varying amounts on a per study basis. The data analysis projects are anticipated to be conducted during the period from June 15, 2020 through June 15, 2025. The research will be conducted in the Department of Biostatistics and Medical Informatics under the direction of Dr. Thomas Cook.

Sanofi US is comprised of five business units that focus on human vaccines, rare diseases, multiple sclerosis, oncology, immunology, infectious diseases, diabetes and cardiovascular solutions, consumer healthcare, established prescription products and generics. Headquartered in Bridgewater, New Jersey, Sanofi in the United States employs more than 14,000 professionals nationwide.

Presenter:

- Laurent Heller, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, UW-Madison
BACKGROUND

Regent Policy Document 13-1 requires any grant or contract with private profit-making organizations in excess of $1,000,000 be presented to the Board for formal approval prior to execution.

Related Policies

- Regent Policy Document 13-1, “General Contract Signature Authority, Approval, and Reporting”
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Item 12.

UW-MADISON CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH COMPASS GROUP USA

REQUESTED ACTION

Adoption of Resolution 12., approving the contractual agreement between the Board of Regents and Compass Group USA.

Resolution 12. That, upon the 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 University of Wisconsin-Madison and Compass Group USA.

SUMMARY

UW-Madison is seeking approval to amend its current contractual agreement with Compass Group USA d/b/a Canteen Vending for vending services on the UW-Madison campus, on behalf of UW-Madison and its Division of University Housing and the Wisconsin Union.

UW-Madison's current contract with Compass Group USA was executed in 2013 and expires in August 2020. The proposed amendment would extend the agreement for three additional years with two optional 1-year renewals. UW-Madison's negotiated 39% commission is projected to generate revenues of over $640,000 annually. Other highlights include the installation of additional smart markets and a wellness program featuring healthier items.

The Wisconsin Union is responsible for administration of the University's campus vending services and those at the Wisconsin State Historical Society. Housing is responsible for administration of vending sites in University residence facilities. The intent of this contract is to assure consistent high-quality vending services for students, faculty, staff and guests.

Presenter(s)

- Laurent Heller, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, UW-Madison
BACKGROUND

Regent Policy Document 13-1 requires any grant or contract with private profit-making organizations in excess of $1,000,000 be presented to the Board for formal approval prior to execution.

Related Policies

- Regent Policy Document 13-1: General Contract Authority, Approval, and Reporting
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**APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ACT/SAT REQUIREMENTS IN REGENT POLICY DOCUMENT 7-3, “UW SYSTEM FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS POLICY”**

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Adoption of Resolution 13., temporarily suspending Sections I.C. and II.B. in Regent Policy Document 7-3, “University of Wisconsin System Freshman Admissions Policy,” requiring provision of an ACT or SAT score by freshman applicants.

**Resolution 13.**  
That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board temporarily suspends the requirement in Regent Policy Document 7-3, Sections I.C. and II.B. that all freshman applicants provide an ACT or SAT score as part of their application. The suspension of this requirement applies to all freshman applications to UW System campuses, except applications to UW-Madison, for the 2020-2021 academic year and the 2021-2022 academic year.

**SUMMARY**

The University of Wisconsin System is facing challenges in its freshman applicants’ ability to submit ACT or SAT test scores as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. As a result, the Board of Regents is being asked to temporarily suspend Regent Policy Document 7-3, Sections I.C. and II.B., that require the submission of ACT/SAT test scores by freshman applicants. The temporary suspension would apply to all UW System campuses except UW-Madison, which may continue to require ACT or SAT scores from freshman applicants. A copy of Regent Policy Document 7-3 is included as Attachment A; sections I.C. and II. B. are highlighted.

The suspension of these sections of the policy will permit UW System universities, other than UW-Madison, to accept applications from prospective freshman students and to make admissions decisions without the use of the ACT/SAT test scores during the period of the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic year (entry terms: fall 2020, winterim 2021, spring 2021, and summer 2021); and the entirety of the 2021-2022 academic year (entry terms: fall 2021, winterim 2022, spring 2022, and summer 2022). These timeframes would cover applicants who are currently in the midst of completing their
applications (or may be just starting them later as many students applying to the two-year campuses do) and looking to be admitted to a UW campus this coming fall. These timeframes would also cover current juniors in high school who are looking to be admitted to a UW campus in the 2021-22 academic year.

By suspending these sections of the policy, freshman applicants will be able to move forward in the admissions process and not be penalized for their inability to take and submit test scores due to cancellations or significant delays in testing from the testing agencies themselves during the stated time period. Applicants should be able to submit materials for all other admissions criteria contained in RPD 7-3.

Interim Regent Policy Document Waiver #03 (Interim UW System Freshman Admission Policy ACT/SAT Requirement, Waiver) has temporarily suspended the ACT/SAT score requirement for freshman applicants to UW campuses effective April 24, 2020 and extending through June 17, 2020. If approved by the Board of Regents, the proposed resolution would extend this suspension of this specific RPD 7-3 requirement for freshman applicants to UW System campuses, other than UW-Madison, through the 2021-2022 academic year.

Presenters

- Ray Cross, UW System President
- Anny Morrobel-Sosa, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

BACKGROUND

Wis. Stat. § 36.11(3a), Admission of Applicants, directs the Board of Regents to establish the policies for admission within the system. RPD 7-3 was created to implement the Board of Regents’ statutory authority in § 36.11(3a) to establish admissions policies.

Previous Action or Discussion

Regent Policy Document 7-3, “UW System Freshman Admissions Policy” was created by the Board on February 9, 2007, with the adoption of Resolution 9290.

Related Policies

- RPD 7-3, “University of Wisconsin System Freshman Admissions Policy”
- Wis. Stat. § 36.11(3a), Admission of Applicants
- Interim Regent Policy Document Waiver #03, Interim UW System Freshman Admission Policy ACT/SAT Requirement, Waiver
ATTACHMENTS

A) Regent Policy Document 7-3, “University of Wisconsin System Freshman Admissions Policy”
Regent Policy Document 7-3 (formerly 07-1)
University of Wisconsin System Freshman Admissions Policy

That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents adopts the attached UW System Freshman Admissions Policy as amended, replacing and hereby superseding Regent Policies 72-5 on Nonresident Undergraduate Quotas, 72-11 on the Freshman Admissions Policy, 86-5 on the Use of the American College Test, 87-8 on Traditional and Nontraditional Freshman Admissions Policy, and 97-4 on Competency Based Admissions.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS POLICY

The University of Wisconsin System has long recognized that higher education serves as a crucial pathway for advancing individual self-knowledge and knowledge of the world, fostering new knowledge and ideas, preparing individuals for future leadership positions, and for promoting the economic vitality of the entire state. To provide the highest quality educational opportunity for all students in a diverse learning environment, this policy allows each institution to admit students whose academic preparation, background and personal experience suggest that the student will succeed at the institution, benefit from that educational experience, and contribute to the educational environment.

This policy provides minimum requirements for freshman admissions, and broad criteria for evaluating qualified applicants through a comprehensive, individualized review process. In the implementation of this policy, individual UW institutions may establish more specific requirements, consistent with the principles and requirements of this systemwide policy.

I. Admissions Requirements

Freshman applicants, both resident and non-resident, must satisfy the following minimum requirements to be eligible for consideration for admission:

A. Graduation from a recognized high school or the equivalent.
   1. A recognized high school is one which either (a) is accredited by a regional accrediting association or state university or (b) is recognized or accredited by a state department of public instruction or its equivalent.
   2. An applicant who has not graduated from a recognized high school must provide evidence of satisfactory completion of the requirements for a high school equivalency certificate or a diploma from a recognized high school, school system, or state department of public instruction based on the GED examination, the Wisconsin High School Equivalency Examination, or other established criteria. Applicants from alternative educational backgrounds, including home-schooled students, should contact the Admissions Office at
the campus of interest for admissions information. Additional documents, testing, and a personal interview may be required.

B. Completion of the UW application for admission and submission to the institution(s) by the required deadline.

C. Submission of ACT or SAT scores to the institution.

D. Satisfaction of academic unit requirements. Students must satisfy either (1) or (2).

1. For students graduating from high school in spring, 1995 and thereafter, a minimum of 17 high school units is required. (One unit equals one year of high school study or the equivalent.) Thirteen of the 17 units must be distributed as follows:

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<td>English</td>
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<td>The remaining four units will be:</td>
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<td>From the above areas, foreign language, fine arts, computer science, and other academic areas</td>
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Each institution may specify additional unit requirements for the remaining four units and may specify required content for all 17 units. Students graduating from high school prior to spring, 1995, should consult with the Admissions Office at the UW institution(s) for the appropriate academic unit requirements.

2. In recognition of curricular initiatives occurring in many high schools that depart from a traditional Carnegie unit structure, the UW System Board of Regents has approved an alternative method by which an applicant may demonstrate that he or she has satisfied the academic unit requirement. This is referred to as Competency-Based Admission.

High school officials may elect to prepare a UW System Competency-Based Admission profile in addition to, or in lieu of, the traditional high-school transcript for those students whose high school curriculum is not well described by the traditional Carnegie unit structure. The combination of the student's credentials must indicate evidence of preparation in English, social sciences, mathematics, and natural science at a level comparable to that assumed by the traditional academic unit requirements. The admission requirements at each institution for students who apply using Competency-
Based Admission will be equivalent to the admission requirements for students who apply under the Carnegie unit system.

E. An institution has the discretion to waive one or more of the minimum requirements for particular applicants where appropriate, based on the sound educational judgment that the student will succeed at the institution, benefit from that educational experience, and contribute to the educational environment.

II. Admissions Criteria

Freshman applicants must demonstrate that they are prepared to do satisfactory academic work at the institution to which they are applying, and that, as members of the campus community, they will benefit from and enrich the educational environment and enhance the quality of the institution. In making this determination, applicants will be given a comprehensive review based upon the following criteria:

A. ACADEMICS.

Academic factors are the most important consideration in making admissions decisions. Factors that will be considered include, but are not limited to, the quality and rigor of the applicant's college-preparatory coursework, grade point average, class rank and trend in grades.

B. STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES.

ACT or SAT scores are used to provide additional academic information about the quality of the applicant's qualifications, but cannot be the sole criteria for admission. An institution may require additional test scores of some or all applicants as supplemental information.

C. OTHER FACTORS.

Other considerations include, but are not limited to, student experiences, work experience, leadership qualities, motivation, community service, special talents, status as a non-traditional or returning adult, status as a veteran of the U.S. military, whether the applicant is socio-economically disadvantaged, and whether the applicant is a member of an historically underrepresented racial or ethnic group.

III. Non-resident Enrollment

Based on a three-year average, the non-resident undergraduate enrollment shall not exceed 27.5% of the total undergraduate enrollment at any UW institution. This limitation
does not include Minnesota reciprocity students. This non-resident undergraduate enrollment limit does not apply to UW-Madison.

UW-Madison must enroll a minimum of 5,200 new in-state undergraduate students each calendar year, based on a three-year rolling average. The Board of Regents expects UW-Madison to continue to honor its commitment to enroll 3,600 Wisconsin freshmen within this broader policy but recognizes UW-Madison’s commitment to in-state students is best measured by more than just incoming freshmen and should include reciprocity and transfer students alike.

IV. Admissions Appeals

Applicants who are not accepted for admission may appeal for special consideration through a process defined by the institution.

V. Admissions Policy Review

The Board of Regents shall review this policy every five years.

I. All Regents  
Thursday, May 7, 2020  

CHANGE TO THE UW SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS  
REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2020

REQUESTED ACTION

Adoption of Resolution 14., approving changes to the 2020 regular meeting schedule for the Board of Regents.

Resolution 14. That, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and Corporate Secretary, the Board of Regents approves changes to the regular meeting schedule for 2020 to include (1) changing the location of the June 2020 meeting from UW-Milwaukee to a virtual meeting, and canceling one day of the previously-scheduled two-day June 2020 meeting if in the judgment of the Board President, the Board's business can be conducted in one day; and (2) changing the location of the August 2020 meeting to UW-Green Bay.

The Board of Regents further authorizes the President of the Board of Regents to change the location of the August and October 2020 meetings, if necessary due to social distancing requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and cancel one day of the previously-scheduled two-day meetings in August and October 2020 if the Board's business can be conducted in one day.

SUMMARY

Regular meeting dates are determined based on Chapter 1, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents. In June 2019, the Board of Regents approved a regular-meeting schedule for 2020; this schedule was amended by the Board in October 2019, to allow for a change in location of the April 2-3, 2020 meeting.

The Board is considering the following changes to its 2020 regular meeting schedule:

• Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the social distancing practices recommended by the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention, UW-Milwaukee will no longer host the June 4-5, 2020 Board of Regents meeting. The meeting will be held virtually. In addition, the meeting may be changed to a one-day meeting, if in the judgment of
the President of the Board, the Board's business can be conducted in one day, instead of two.

- UW-Green Bay will host the August 20-21, 2020 Board of Regents meeting. UW-Green Bay was previously scheduled to host the April 2-3, 2020 meeting, but requested a deferral when the former UW-Green Bay chancellor announced his planned departure from UW-Green Bay.

The proposed changes to the 2020 regular-meeting schedule are included as Attachment A.

The resolution also authorizes the Regent President to further modify the locations and/or cancel one day of the two-day meetings scheduled in August 2020 and October 2020, as necessary to comply with COVID-19 social distancing practices recommended by the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Bylaws of the Board of Regents do not allow for the cancellation of one day of a previously scheduled two-day meeting hosted by a UW institution. As such, approval of the revised 2020 regular meeting calendar requires a suspension of the Board's bylaws. As detailed in Chapter IV, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, a suspension of the Board's bylaws requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total members of the Board of Regents.

**BACKGROUND**

Among the responsibilities of the Executive Director and Corporate Secretary is making a recommendation for a calendar of regular meetings.

**ATTACHMENTS**

A) Proposed changes to the 2020 regular meeting schedule
UW SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE – 2020

February 6-7, 2020 – Hosted by UW-Madison

March 5, 2020 – In Madison* (Cancelled)

April 2-3, 2020 – Hosted by UW-Green Bay

June 4-5, 2020 – Hosted by UW-Milwaukee

August 20-21, 2020 – In Madison* Hosted by UW-Green Bay

October 8-9, 2020 – Hosted by UW-River Falls

November 5, 2020— In Madison** (Optional)

December 10-11, 2020 – In Madison**

*Held virtually

**Hosted by the Board of Regents Office at Gordon Dining & Event Center