

**UW System Board of Regents
Meeting of the Business & Finance Committee
University of Wisconsin System Administration
Via WebEx
Thursday, April 8, 2021**

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

A. Calling of the Roll

Regents Beightol, Bogost, Atwell, Jones, Levzow, Miller, Peterson, and Saffold were present. At all times, the Committee had a quorum.

B. Declaration of Conflicts

The Chair asked Committee Members to identify any conflicts of interest. There were none.

C. Approval of the Minutes of the February 4, 2021 Meeting of the Business and Finance Committee

Upon the motion of the Chair, Regent Beightol, and the second of Regent Atwell, the Committee approved the minutes of the February 4, 2021 Business and Finance Committee Meeting.

D. UW-Madison Agreement with Context Biopharma, Inc. and Medical College of Wisconsin

UW-Madison's Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, Laurent Heller, introduced the agreement and made himself available to answer any questions from the Committee. The agreement is with Context Biopharma, Inc. and the Medical College of Wisconsin. Context Biopharma will provide the drug supplies and financial support for a breast cancer treatment clinical trial. Patients in the trial will be enrolled through various community medical centers in Wisconsin and will have experienced disease progression while on other approved therapies. Context's investigational drug, combined with an approved treatment, will be assessed for its effectiveness in treating the breast cancer(s). The Medical College of Wisconsin will analyze blood and tumor tissue samples pre- and post-treatment in this assessment. While this contract has no set value, there is an estimated dollar value of over \$1.5 million upon completion of the trial. Upon the motion of Regent Jones and the second of Regent Levzow, the Committee approved this agreement submitted by UW-Madison.

E. UW-Madison Agreement with Stanley Convergent Security Solutions

UW-Madison's Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, Laurent Heller, introduced the agreement and made himself available to answer any questions from the Committee. The contract between UW-Madison and Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc., is to replace the electronic door access system across campus (5,000 access points in 150 buildings), necessitated by the end-of-life for security and support of the current product. The work under this contract is expected to exceed \$1 million dollars. Upon the motion of Regent Atwell and the second of Regent Bogost, the Committee approved the agreement.

F. Regent Policy Document Review: RPD 13-4, "Institutional and Employee Relationships with Educational Loan Lenders"

UW System Associate Vice President for Finance Julie Gordon introduced the proposal and made herself available to answer any questions from the Committee. The update will align the policy with current federal regulations and reformat the policy in line with the standards of Regent Policy Documents. Upon the motion of Regent Jones and the second of Regent Bogost, the Committee

approved the proposed changes to amend Regent Policy Document 13-4, Institutional and Employee Relationships with Educational Lenders.

G. UW-Madison Presentation – “Revenue Innovations and Real Estate Opportunities at UW-Madison”

In follow-up to a presentation given in February, UW-Madison Chancellor Rebecca Blank introduced a deeper dive into generating revenue through real estate development (revenue innovation for funding UW-Madison’s public mission). Vice Chancellor Heller provided a quick refresher on the Revenue Innovations Study Group who recommended these innovative revenue strategies, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities Planning & Management Rob Cramer joined him to speak about the legal and regulatory considerations of this innovation. Managing Director at University Research Park, Aaron Olver shared his team’s perspective and how developing University Research Park fits its mission and aligns with UW-Madison’s strategy. UW System Interim President Tommy Thompson joined the Committee to offer his insights and provide some historical background on University Research Park’s establishment. Mr. Heller will be back in June to further discuss this with the Board and hopes to finalize a memorandum of understanding with University Research Park. The full panel was available to answer any questions from the Committee.

H. Trust Funds Quarterly Investment Report

UW System Director of the Office of Trust Funds Charles Saunders and two representatives from the State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB), Rob Thornton and Brian Heimsoth, presented highlights from the Trust Funds Quarterly Investment Report. For the period ending December 31, 2020, assets totaled \$682.9 million, \$532.1 million (+9.83%, before fees) in the Long Term Fund, and \$150.8 million (+0.03%) in the Income Cash Fund. Public equity investments increased +15.60%, bond investments returned +0.84%, and inflation sensitive investments gained +3.20%. The private markets portfolio returned +8.75% and the UW Fund Custom Benchmark increased +9.77%. The full panel was available to answer any questions from the Committee.

I. Report of the Vice President(s)

Vice President for Finance Sean Nelson gave the Committee an update on federal COVID-19 related assistance. The total estimated COVID-related expenses and revenue loss through May of 2021 is approximately \$534 million. Federal funding and campus expense cost-savings -- including through furloughs and restricted travel -- have mitigated the overall financial impact, however UW institutions will collectively have an estimated net loss of \$168 million through the end of the Spring Semester.

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce E. Jackson
Recording Secretary