

**UW System Board of Regents
Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 8, 2021**

Proceedings of the Education Committee Meeting. The Education Committee convened in person from 8:46 a.m. to 9:37 a.m. Committee members in attendance were: Regents Bogost, Colón, Grebe, Levzow, Saffold (via Webex), Tucker (via Webex), and Peterson (arrived at 9:05). No Regent declared a conflict of interest regarding any of the items listed on the meeting agenda.

Agenda Item C. Proposed Consent Agenda: Given the large number of agenda items to be covered during the meeting, the Chair requested a motion to move the following routine, non-controversial items to a consent agenda. Note: Items on a consent agenda may be acted upon by the committee in a single vote. Any Board Member may remove items from a consent agenda for separate discussion and consideration. The meeting minutes must reflect the motion and vote on each item.

The meeting agenda reflected the five following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 3, 2021 Meeting of the Education Committee
2. UW-Eau Claire: Approval of Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Bioinformatics
3. UW-Platteville: Approval of Master of Science in Sports Administration
4. UW-Whitewater: Approval of Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity
5. UW-Whitewater: Approval of Master of Science in Marketing

UW System Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Anny Morrobel-Sosa provided an overview of each item on the consent agenda. All items remained on the consent agenda. A motion to approve item was made by Regent Grebe and seconded by Regent Colón. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item D. UW-Stout: First Reading of Revised Mission Statement

The Education Committee held the first required reading of UW-Stout’s revised mission statement, which has previously been approved by shared governance bodies at the university as well as by the Provost and Chancellor. UW-Stout Chancellor, Dr. Katherine Frank, presented the proposed mission statement.

In response to the presentation, Regent Grebe noted the statement described a distinct mission and asked if UW-Stout anticipates additional changes based on upcoming feedback. Chancellor Frank responded that the mission intends to reflect UW-Stout goals to create career pathways for students through the attainment of degrees, professional certifications or credentials, and experience.

Agenda Item E. Approval of Changes to Regent Policy Document (RPD), 4-12 “Academic Program Planning, Review, and Approval in the University of Wisconsin System”

A motion to approve item was made by Regent Grebe and seconded by Regent Colón. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item F: Report of the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. Vice President Morrobel-Sosa reported on the work of the Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA) during the 2020-21 fiscal year in support of the Regents and for President Thompson’s key priorities for the UW

System and the Renewed Wisconsin Idea for the 21st century. The Vice President described the offices within OASA, the numbers and types of academic degree programs authorized during the past year, the regular reports and policy updates provided, and upcoming Higher Education Commission (HLC) comprehensive campus visits.

Regent Bogost asked what OASA and UW System will do related to religious accommodation, noting the recent issue of campus calendars conflicting with religious holidays. The Vice President responded that OASA will review policies regarding these issues and report back by the end of the year. Regent Levzow then asked about how the UW-System will improve credit transfers for students from the Wisconsin Technical College System. The Vice President invited Dr. Carleen Vande-Zande, UW System Associate Vice-President for Academic Programs & Faculty Advancement, who then explained legislative changes to increase the number of transfer credits. Dr. Vande-Zande also described inter-system steering committee, the reverse-transfer policy, and efforts towards reciprocity and data-sharing agreements.

Regent Grebe then stated appreciation for information on discontinued programs, recognizing a focus on efficiency. He asked about a campus climate report, which the Vice President said is being shared with constituents and will be included in a forthcoming report.

Agenda Item G: Update: Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin. The presentation provided an update on the status of planning for the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin (FCW). This initiative builds upon the collective assets of all 13 four-year institutions to collaborate on freshwater research, training, innovation and economic development. At its June 6, 2019, the Board of Regents requested periodic updates on the FCW. This presentation was the ninth in a series, and was delivered by Marissa Jablonski, FCW Executive Director, who described an update on secured legislative funding for the FCW, a continued emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion in the project and in telling the story of its impact.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.