

**UW System Board of Regents
Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 7, 2021**

Proceedings of the Education Committee Meeting. The Education Committee convened in person from 10:32 a.m. to 11:58 a.m. Committee members in attendance were: Regents Bogost, Colón, Grebe, Pasch, Underly, Tucker, and Peterson. Regent Saffold was absent. 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 July 8, 2021 Meeting of the Education Committee
2. UW-Madison: Approval of Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing
3. UW-Madison: Approval of Bachelor of Business Administration in Management
4. UW-Madison: Approval of Bachelor of Business Administration in Human Resources
5. UW-Madison: Approval of Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Systems
6. UW-Madison: Approval of Bachelor of Science in Consumer Marketplace Studies
7. UW-Madison: Approval of Bachelor of Science in Consumer Finance and Financial Planning
8. UW-Madison: Approval of Bachelor of Liberal Studies in Applied Social Science

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 Colón and seconded by Regent Peterson. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item D. UW-Parkside and Gateway Technical College: Approval of a New Liberal Arts Transfer Program: 1. Associate of Science in Liberal Arts. 2. Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts. Vice President Morrobel-Sosa invited Dr. Carleen Vande Zande, UW System Associate Vice-President for Academic Programs & Faculty Advancement, to introduce the item. Dr. Vande Zande explained the goals to increase access and build partnerships, and how the program fit within other transfer agreements including the recently completed Universal Credit Transfer Agreement. Dr. Vande Zande then introduced campus presenters: UW-Parkside Chancellor Deborah Ford; UW-Parkside Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Rob Ducoffe; Gateway Technical College President Brian Albrecht; and Gateway Technical College Executive Vice President/Provost for Academic & Campus Affairs, Zina Haywood.

In response to the presentation, Regent Bogost asked how students would be advised of the transfer option. Chancellor Ford described transfer summits between the campuses. Regents Pasch and Colón commended the agreement and emphasized that it allows credit transfer in both directions. Regent Peterson then asked about obstacles to reaching the agreement. President Albrecht stated that there is often a misconception about the academic quality of the programs, and emphasized the need for continued mutual education about programs and joint recruitment. Provost Ducoffe added that data showed a higher performance from students who came from the transfer program.

A motion to approve was made by Regent Colón and seconded by Regent Peterson. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item E. UW-Whitewater: Second Reading and Approval of Revised Mission Statement.

A motion to approve item was made by Regent Peterson and seconded by Regent Pasch. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item F. UW-Stout: Second Reading and Approval of Revised Mission Statement.

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

Agenda Item G. UW Oshkosh Host Campus Presentation. UW Oshkosh Provost John Koker provided a host campus presentation titled “The Connected Comprehensive: Knitting UW-Oshkosh’s Academics and Experiences into the Region.” The presentation celebrated the 150th anniversary of the campus, and the impact and involvement of UW Oshkosh in the city and the surrounding region.

Agenda Item H. Report of the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. Vice President Morrobel-Sosa introduced Dr. John Achter, Interim Vice President for Student Success and Student Behavioral Health Coordinator, and Deirdre Dalsing, Director of Counseling Services at UW-Platteville to provide a summary of the 2020-21 Counseling Impact Assessment Report. Then, Dr. Laura Dunek, UW System Director of Academic Innovation and Senior Special Assistant for Governance and Strategic Initiatives, provided an update on the UW System Online Learning Initiative.

Regent Bogost encouraged further discussion of behavioral health issues and campus strategies in addition to counseling services. Regent Colón noted the counseling data did not include students referred to outside providers, and appreciated the data on cost savings of the services. Dr. Achter stated the cost data had not been available to present to legislators earlier in the year. Regent Grebe asked about the quality of online teaching and learning compared to in-person and if the plan is to continue online instruction at the same levels. Dr. Dunek responded that many classes involve hybrid learning in both synchronous and asynchronous instruction.

Regent Bogost thanked all presenters, and stated an interest in more open discussion of issues at future meetings. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.