



**BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM**  
**COMMITTEE ON STUDENT DISCIPLINE & OTHER STUDENT APPEALS**  
**(ALL REGENTS INVITED)**

Tuesday, April 27, 2021  
1:00 p.m.

To be held by Webex Videoconference

AGENDA

1. Calling of the roll
2. Panel Discussion: Student Discipline and Behavioral Health
  - John Achter, Ph.D., LP (Student Behavioral Health Coordinator, UW System Administration)
  - Buzz Bares, M.S. Ed. (Associate Dean of Students, UW-Oshkosh)
  - Debbie Reuter, LPC (Interim Director, Center for Students with Disabilities, UW-Whitewater)
  - Kristin Vespia, Ph.D., LP (Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of Psychology Student Success Center, UW-Green Bay)
3. Adjourn

*Webex videoconference registration information and meeting materials can be found at <https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/meetingmaterials> or may be obtained from: Jess Lathrop, Executive Director, Office of the Board of Regents, 1860 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706, (608) 262-2324.*

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## **STUDENT DISCIPLINE & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PANEL DISCUSSION**

### **REQUESTED ACTION**

No action is required; this item is for information only.

### **SUMMARY**

The Board will receive a presentation on student discipline and behavioral health issues, followed by a discussion with presenters. Presenters will share information on campus processes for academic and non-academic misconduct cases, support and resources provided to students during the process, and how campuses handle academic misconduct cases in which students identify behavioral health issues as a significant factor in their situation. Finally, presenters will engage the Board in a discussion about the topics outlined by the presenters.

### **Presenters**

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### **BACKGROUND**

In April 2019, the Board learned about the significant increase in behavioral health issues among our student population, resulting in overtaxing counseling, health, and other campus resources where students turn for help. Since then, the Student Behavioral Health Initiative has worked collaboratively with campuses to implement a variety of resources to assist with the behavioral health needs of our students. Over the course of the pandemic, behavioral health needs among students rose once again, and campuses have seen an increase in academic misconduct cases. Today's focus is on the interaction between these two trends, and more specifically how campuses handle cases when behavioral health is a mitigating factor.