



**BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Thursday, July 29, 2021
4:00 p.m.

To be held by video/telephone conference

AGENDA

1. Calling of the roll
2. Declaration of conflicts
3. Establishment of Illinois Non-resident Tuition Rate for UW-Milwaukee
4. Renewal of Delegation of Authority to the UW System President to Temporarily Waive Provisions of Regent Policy Documents
5. 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.

Executive Committee

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Item 3.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF ILLINOIS NON-RESIDENT TUITION RATE
FOR UW-MILWAUKEE**

REQUESTED ACTION

Approval of Resolution 3., establishing tuition at UW-Milwaukee for Illinois residents at a rate equivalent to the Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP) rate so long as Illinois is not an active MSEP participant. MSEP is a program of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), and “serves as the Midwest’s largest multi-state tuition reciprocity program.”

Resolution 3. That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System and the Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee, the UW System Board of Regents approves a continuation of the UW-Milwaukee tuition rate for Illinois residents equivalent to the Midwest Student Exchange Program rate for students entering for the 2022-2023 academic year.

SUMMARY

The University of Wisconsin System is a party to the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), which “helps improve access to postsecondary education through the Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP).” The MSEP program “allows participating students to realize savings between \$500 and \$5000 annually, which is significant in advancing higher education affordability.” The MSEP program also benefits the state of Wisconsin by attracting nonresident students to attend UW System institutions.

While Illinois has been a participant, UW System received notice on June 28, 2021, that Illinois would be moved to inactive status since it no longer had any participating higher education institutions. Illinois is a significant source of students for several UW campuses, including, but not limited to, UW-Milwaukee. Without the discounted MSEP tuition, which is 150% of resident tuition, UW-Milwaukee will be significantly hampered in its ability to recruit Illinois students. This change takes effect for students enrolling for Fall 2022. The application period for those students opens on August 1, 2021, which creates exigence in addressing the tuition rate for Illinois students. The Executive Committee of the Board of Regents is being asked to approve a continuation of the UW-Milwaukee tuition rate for Illinois residents equivalent to the MSEP rate for the 2022-2023 academic year. During the

next year, UW System Administration's Office of Finance will work with UW-Milwaukee and other UW institutions to further evaluate this situation and recommend further action.

Since Fall 2010, the number of incoming freshmen from Illinois at UWM has increased from 91 to 353 in Fall 2019. For transfer and graduate students, enrollments have increased from 294 in Fall 2010 to 429 in Fall 2019. The potential loss of tuition revenue related to new freshmen from Illinois is estimated at \$3.8 million in 2022-23, but the total loss in revenue could grow to \$19 million annually in future years if UWM is unable to successfully recruit Illinois students. Thus, it is critical to UWM's tuition revenue and overall budget to be able to charge Illinois students the MSEP rate so that it remains competitive and successfully recruits those students to UWM.

Presenter(s)

- Mark Mone, Chancellor, UW-Milwaukee

BACKGROUND

The Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP) is an interstate initiative established by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). It was created to increase interstate educational opportunities for students in its member states.

Previous Action or Discussion

Resolution 9059, approved September 9, 2005, authorizing the President of the UW System to enter into a participation agreement with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

Related Policies

- Regent Policy Document 32-2, "Nonresident Tuition Remission Delegated to Chancellors"
- Regent Policy Document 32-5, "Tuition Policy Principles"

**RENEWAL OF AUTHORITY TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE PROVISIONS OF
REGENT POLICY DOCUMENTS**

REQUESTED ACTION

Adoption of Resolution 4., delegating authority to the UW System President to temporarily suspend the provisions of Regent Policy Documents, through December 31, 2021.

Resolution 4. That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the Board of Regents delegates to the UW System President the authority to temporarily suspend the provisions of Regent Policy Documents if the UW System President determines that any provisions of the Regent Policy Documents would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions to respond to the public health emergency or the abnormal economic disruption resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, effective July 29, 2021, through December 31, 2021, unless so authorized or extended by the Board of Regents.

SUMMARY

On April 2, 2020, the Board of Regents adopted Resolution 11419, delegating authority to the UW System President to temporarily suspend the provisions of Regent Policy Documents and to request suspension of the provisions of any administrative rules that would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions to respond to the public health emergency or the abnormal economic disruption resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

On June 4, 2020, the Board of Regents adopted Resolution 11454, which extended the delegated authority until December 31, 2020, and on December 10, 2020, the Board of Regents adopted Resolution 11532, which extended the delegated authority until May 31, 2021. The Board is being asked to re-issue that same delegation of authority to temporarily suspend provisions of Regent Policy Documents through December 31, 2021 for the UW System to expediently meet the continued emergent needs of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Presenter

- Quinn Williams, UW System General Counsel

BACKGROUND

The authority to grant waivers to Board of Regents Policy was delegated to the President of the UW System to allow for prompt response to the rapidly evolving situation. This authority was allowed to expire as of May 31, 2021 per Resolution 11532; however, the continued need to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and emerging uncertainties created by the Delta variant and any other variants necessitate the renewal of this authority for the fall semester of the 2021-2022 academic year in order to expediently address emerging issues. This delegation of authority is granted to the President and is not sub-delegable.

Examples of waivers to date have include relaxed restrictions on use or transfer of certain auxiliary funds, authorization for the President to enter into certain contracts and leases of real property related to the pandemic, and removal of the ACT/SAT score requirements for freshman applicants to UW institutions. The ACT/SAT interim RPD waivers were later amended by the Board through Resolutions 11430 and 11465.

These waivers are of limited duration to allow for appropriate response to COVID-19. Chancellors or their designees will submit requests for waivers directly to the President with copies to the General Counsel and the Board's Executive Director and Corporate Secretary. Each request shall include the nature of the request, a brief reason for the request, the specific provision of Regent Policy and the outcome or impact of the waiver if granted, such as the amount of funds transferred or contracts to be signed. The President will review the waiver request in coordination with the appropriate UW System Vice President and/or UW System Administration staff prior to issuing a determination of whether to approve the request. Requests will be tracked and, if approved, posted to a public facing website by the UW System Office of Administrative Policies and Special Projects.

Previous Action or Discussion

- Resolution 11419, adopted April 2, 2020.
- Resolution 11454, adopted June 4, 2020.
- Resolution 11532, adopted December 10, 2020.