

**RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS**

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Stevens Point, Wisconsin

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CALLING OF THE ROLL

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PRESENT: Regents Robert Atwell, Scott Beightol, Amy Bogost, Héctor Colón, Michael Grebe, Mike Jones, Edmund Manydeeds, John Miller, Rodney Pasch, Andrew Petersen, Cris Peterson, Ashok Rai, Corey Saffold, Brianna Tucker, Jill Underly, Karen Walsh, and Kyle Weatherly.

Regent Tracey Klein joined the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

UNABLE TO ATTEND: None

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

Before considering any items on the open session agenda, President Manydeeds asked if any Board members wished to declare any conflicts of interest as per Regent Policy Document 2-4, "Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy for the UW System Board of Regents."

Regent Miller and Regent Walsh each recused themselves from voting on Resolution 11814, "UW System Ordering Document with Oracle America, Inc.," to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Regent Jones and Regent Walsh each recused themselves from voting on Resolution 11815, "UW-Milwaukee License Agreement with Verizon Wireless" to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Regent Jones recused himself from voting on Resolution 11818, "UW-Madison Master Clinical Trial Agreement with Takeda Development Center Americas, Inc" to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Regent Miller and Regent Walsh each recused themselves from voting on Resolution 11821, "UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Raytheon Technologies Corporation" to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Regent Beightol recused himself from voting on Resolution 11822, "UW-La Crosse Contractual Agreement with Heartland Business Systems, LLC" and Resolution 11823, "Amendment to UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects" to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Regent Grebe and Regent Rai each recused themselves from voting on Resolution 11833, "Authority to Enter into a Lease for the School of Medicine and Public Health, UW-Madison" to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Regent Walsh recused herself from voting on Resolution 11841, "Authority to Construct a 2019-21 Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology Improvement Program Project, UW System" to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BUSINESS & FINANCE COMMITTEE

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President Manydeeds called upon Regent Beightol to present a report of actions taken by the Business & Finance Committee.

Regent Beightol reported that the Business & Finance Committee heard a presentation about purpose driven institutional investing at UW-Stevens Point by Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, Pratima Gandhi. She explained how they navigated some challenges such as enrollment, COVID, and other issues, and addressed their structural deficit and strategic priorities.

Regent Beightol reported that the Business & Finance Committee approved nine contracts and agreements and an amendment to the UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major

Information Technology Projects, which was previously approved by the Board at the February 2022 meeting.

Finally, Regent Beightol reported that the Business and Finance Committee heard a quarterly investment report on UW System Trust Funds.

Regent Beightol moved for the adoption of Resolutions 11814, 11815, 11816, 11817, 11818, 11819, 11820, 11821, 11822, and 11823. The motion was seconded by Regent Rai and approved on a voice vote. The following Regents recused themselves from the following items to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest:

- Regent Miller and Regent Walsh recused themselves from voting on Resolution 11814
- Regent Jones and Regent Walsh recused themselves from voting on Resolution 11815
- Regent Jones recused himself from voting on Resolution 11818
- Regent Miller and Regent Walsh recused themselves from voting on Resolution 11821
- Regent Beightol recused himself from voting on Resolution 11822 and Resolution 11823

UW System Ordering Document with Oracle America, Inc.

Resolution 11814 That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, and Oracle America, Inc. for a five (5) year term.

UW-Milwaukee License Agreement with Verizon Wireless

Resolution 11815 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the license agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Milwaukee, and Cellco Partnership, doing business as Verizon Wireless.

UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Edx, LLC

Resolution 11816 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual research agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and edX, LLC.

UW-Madison Standard Research Agreement with Aavantibio, Inc.

Resolution 11817 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual standard research agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and AavantiBio, Inc.

UW-Madison Master Clinical Trial Agreement with Takeda Development Center Americas, Inc

Resolution 11818 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual master clinical trial agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Takeda Development Center Americas, Inc.

UW-Madison Standard Research Agreement with Beren Therapeutics, P.B.C.

Resolution 11819 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual standard research agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Beren Therapeutics, P.B.C.

UW-Madison Master Research Agreement with Flywheel Exchange, LLC

Resolution 11820 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual master research agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Flywheel Exchange, LLC.

UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Raytheon Technologies Corporation

Resolution 11821 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Raytheon Technologies Corporation.

UW-La Crosse Contractual Agreement with Heartland Business Systems, LLC

Resolution 11822 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and the President of the UW System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-La Crosse, and Heartland Business Systems, LLC for the one-time purchase of \$2,100,300 of Cisco hardware.

Amendment to UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects

Resolution 11823 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the Board of Regents approves the amendment to the UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects.

REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 00:10:39\]](#)

President Manydeeds called upon Regent Bogost to present a report of actions taken by the Education Committee.

Regent Bogost reported that the Education Committee approved three UW-Madison academic degree programs, one UW-Stout academic degree program, and one UW-Superior academic degree program. The Education Committee also approved a collaborative Wisconsin Technical College System request for Associate of Arts and Associate of Science transfer programs at eight WTCS institutions.

Regent Bogost said the Education Committee heard a host presentation from UW-Stevens Point students titled "One Point - Many Futures," about the local and international impact of the university. Professor Kathryn Zalewski introduced three students who shared their experiences that exemplify the innovative work done on campus such as workforce partnerships, global outreach through music, and international learning experiences.

Additionally, Regent Bogost reported that the Education Committee then held an extended panel discussion with Senior Student Affairs Officers and students, focused on student needs and the impact of COVID-19. The discussion offered insight into how staff and students navigated some of the challenges presented by the pandemic, specifically the experiences of student leaders, athletes, and the behavioral mental health of staff and students.

Regent Bogost said the discussions at Thursday's Committee meeting set the stage for future conversations at Education Committee meetings that will help them dive deeper into the needs and concerns of students. They will also discuss the strategies campuses use and are developing to address these issues, and the caps and challenges they still face.

Finally, Regent Bogost spoke about the report the Education Committee heard from the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs. Vice President Anny Morrobel-Sosa reported on new support for student telehealth services and presented some preliminary data on the impact of the SAT/ACT waiver, as well as some upcoming events from the UW System Office of Professional Instructional Development.

Regent Bogost moved for the adoption of Resolutions 11824, 11825, 11826, 11827, 11828, 11829, and 11830. The motion was seconded by Regent Jones and approved on a voice vote.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Doctor of Philosophy in Gender and Women's Studies, UW-Madison

Resolution 11824 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Doctor of Philosophy in Gender and Women's Studies program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Data Engineering, UW-Madison

Resolution 11825 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Data Engineering program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science In Data Science, UW-Madison

Resolution 11826 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Data Science program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity, UW-Stout

Resolution 11827 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Stout and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is

authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Business Analytics, UW-Superior

Resolution 11828 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Superior and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Business Analytics at the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

Collaborative Request for New Liberal Arts Transfer Program Authorization for The Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts at Blackhawk Technical College, Fox Valley Technical College, Lakeshore Technical College, Mid-State Technical College, Moraine Park Technical College, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Waukesha Technical College, Western Technical College

Resolution 11829 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Presidents of Blackhawk Technical College, Fox Valley Technical College, Lakeshore Technical College, Mid-State Technical College, Moraine Park Technical College, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Waukesha Technical College and Western Technical College are authorized to implement the transfer degree program for an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts.

Collaborative Request for New Liberal Arts Transfer Program Authorization for the Associate of Science in Liberal Arts at Blackhawk Technical College, Fox Valley Technical College, Lakeshore Technical College, Mid-State Technical College, Moraine Park Technical College, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Waukesha Technical College

Resolution 11830 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Presidents of at Blackhawk Technical College, Fox Valley Technical College, Lakeshore Technical College, Mid-State Technical College, Moraine Park Technical College, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, and Waukesha Technical College are authorized to implement the transfer degree program for an Associate of Science in Liberal Arts.

REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CAPITAL PLANNING & BUDGET COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 00:15:38\]](#)

President Manydeeds called upon Regent Rai to present the report of actions taken by the Capital Planning & Budget Committee.

Regent Rai provided an overview of the items the Capital Planning & Budget Committee met to discuss and consider, which included the sale of one parcel, acquisition of two parcels, three leases, creation of a condominium, four capital projects or programs, and one municipal assessment request.

Regent Rai reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee heard a presentation by the UW-Stevens Point Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, Pratima Gandhi, on Purpose-Driven Capital Investments – Reimagining the Student Experience. Ms. Gandhi outlined Chancellor Gibson’s key goals for student success and how those goals impact their capital program. She also walked the Committee through the top four priority projects at UW-Stevens Point and UW-Stevens Point Student Government Association President, Will Scheder, provided an overview of the Student Health & Wellness project.

Regent Rai said that Senior Associate Vice President, Alec Bill, reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee’s focus would broaden to include a more strategic perspective of campus development which will include better context for capital project requests in the future. Master plan presentations by each institution will start over the next year at each Committee meeting.

Finally, Regent Rai reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee considered 12 resolutions and noted Item K on the agenda had been withdrawn.

Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Resolutions 11831, 11832, 11833, 11834, 11835, 11836, 11837, 11838, 11839, 11840, 11841, and 11842. The motion was seconded by Regent Beightol.

Regent Rai indicated that he had voted against Resolution 11837 during the Capital Planning & Budget Committee meeting and that he intended to vote no again to remain consistent. He explained that his concerns were not related to the campus marching band program, but rather his expectation that capital project requests which add square footage to the UW System’s physical footprint should include full information about construction and ongoing operating costs, and that initiatives intended to increase enrollment should include a return-on-investment assessment.

The motion to adopt Resolutions 11831, 11832, 11833, 11834, 11835, 11836, 11837, 11838, 11839, 11840, 11841, and 11842 was then approved on a voice vote. Regent Grebe and Regent Rai recused themselves from voting on Resolution 11832, and Regent Walsh recused herself from voting on Resolution 11840, in order to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Authority to Sell 123.771 Acres of Property at the Marshfield Agricultural Research Station Located in Marshfield, Wisconsin, UW-Madison

Resolution 11831 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to sell 123.771 acres of agricultural land in the city of Marshfield in accordance with the Option to Purchase executed between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and the City of Marshfield dated February 28, 2002.

Authority to Acquire a Parcel of Agricultural Land Totaling 70 Acres Located in Arlington, Wisconsin, UW-Madison

Resolution 11832 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to purchase approximately 70 acres of agricultural land located proximate to the Arlington Research Station to be used for research by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Authority to Enter into a Lease for the School of Medicine and Public Health, UW-Madison

Resolution. 11833 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to enter into a lease of approximately 23,000 square feet located at 610 N. Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin to be occupied by the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health within the School of Medicine and Public Health.

Authority To Execute a Ground Lease with Wisconsin Power and Light Company, UW-Madison

Resolution 11834 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes the execution of a 25-year ground lease for approximately 15.0 acres of land between the Board of Regents and Wisconsin Power and Light Company to host a solar photovoltaic array on property owned by the Board of Regents near Stoughton, Wisconsin.

Authority to Create Condominium Ownership of Above-Surface Level at the Computer Data and Information Science Building, UW-Madison

Resolution 11835 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents 1) approves the conversion of fee simple ownership of property located in the 1200 block of University Avenue to a condominium containing two units; and 2) accepts the subsequent gift of the above-surface level ownership interest from the current owner.

Authority to Enter into a Lease for Head Start, UW Oshkosh

Resolution 11836 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW Oshkosh and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to enter into a lease of approximately 12,405 square feet located at 515 E. Parkway Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin to be occupied by Head Start.

Authority to Purchase 2.65 Acres of Land and Building, UW Oshkosh

Resolution 11837 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW Oshkosh and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to purchase an approximately 2.65-acre parcel of land and improvements located at 444 N. Sawyer Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Authority to Pay a City of Platteville Special Assessment, UW-Platteville

Resolution 11838 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Platteville and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes the payment of \$185,000 Program Revenue-Cash to the City of Platteville for a Special Assessment for a sanitary sewer replacement project adjacent to the Williams Field House.

Authority to Demolish Thomas and Putnam Residence Halls to Build the New Science and Health Sciences Building, UW-Eau Claire

Resolution 11839 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Eau Claire and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes the demolition of Thomas and Putnam Residence Halls to prepare the site for the new Science and Health Sciences Building for an estimated demolition cost of \$1,684,800 Program Revenue Cash.

Authority to Construct the Sandburg Hall West Tower Renovation Project, UW-Milwaukee

Resolution 11840 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes construction of the Sandburg Hall West Tower Renovation project for an estimated total cost of \$11,445,000 Existing Program Revenue Supported Borrowing.

Authority to Construct a 2019-21 Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology Improvement Program Project, UW System

Resolution 11841 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves the allocation of 2019-21 Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology Improvement Program funds; authorizes construction of the related project at an estimated total cost of \$3,144,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing

of the originally enumerated \$31,689,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing; and allows the Division of Facilities Development to transfer balances, adjust an individual project budget, and add or substitute other high-priority Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology projects within the authorized funding.

Authority to Construct All Agency Maintenance and Repair Projects, UW System

Resolution 11842 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to construct various maintenance and repair projects at an estimated total cost of \$19,745,900 (\$3,905,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing; \$11,662,400 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing; and \$4,178,500 Cash).

REPORT OF THE RESEARCH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 00:27:14\]](#)

President Manydeeds called upon Regent Atwell to present the report of the Research, Economic Development & Innovation Committee.

Regent Atwell reported the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee started off their meeting by honoring the 2022 UW System Regent Scholars. Regent Atwell noted that this is one of the most important recognitions available within UW System as they recognize leading faculty innovators.

Regent Atwell noted one-time grants were awarded to individuals and campus programs. The recipients for the 2022 UW System Regent Scholar Grants were: Dr. Todd Hillhouse, an Assistant Professor of Psychology at UW-Green Bay, Dr. John Chan, an Assistant Professor of Biochemistry at UW-Oshkosh, and Dr. Mark Levenstein, an Assistant Professor of Biology at UW-Platteville.

Regent Atwell reported that the REDI Committee also heard a Host Campus presentation by a team of students from UW-Stevens Point on "Building Prosperous Communities Through Research, Collaboration, and Innovation."

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 00:32:43\]](#)

President Manydeeds called upon Regent Miller to present a report of the Audit Committee.

Regent Miller reported that the Audit Committee received an update from the Chief Audit Executive Lori Stortz on progress to date on the UW System FY2022 Audit Plan. Regent Miller said Lori Stortz provided executive summaries for the conflicts of interest and outside activity reporting, ShopUW+ separation of duties, UW Information Security Awareness Training, and the Payroll Continuous Auditing Report.

Regent Miller said Ms. Stortz also presented the report of the Chief Audit Executive which indicated that work is ongoing preparing FY2023 audit plans which she will bring to the committee in June. Regent Miller also noted Ms. Stortz plans to bring more details to the committee regarding the revitalization of the UW Hotline System at the June meeting.

PRESENTATION: BOARD OF REGENTS 2022 TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

[\[Recording: 00:34:08\]](#)

President Manydeeds called upon Regent Cris Peterson, Chair of the awards selection committee, to introduce the 30th annual Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Awards, which are meant to recognize outstanding faculty and instructional academic staff members in the UW System.

Regent Cris Peterson welcomed the recipients and their guests. She noted that the recipients of the 2022 Teaching Excellence Awards are all impressive examples of the impact that excellent teachers can have on students' lives.

Individual Award: Dr. Laura McCullough, Professor of Physics, Department of Chemistry and Physics, UW-Stout

Regent Underly presented the first Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Award in the individual category to Dr. Laura McCullough, Professor of Physics in the Department of Chemistry and Physics at UW- Stout.

Regent Underly stated that for more than 20 years Dr. McCullough has focused on student, academic, and career success. She noted that Dr. McCullough strives to achieve the goal of student-centered learning using proven classroom strategies like clicker type questions and think, pair, share activities.

Regent Underly shared that about 10 years ago Dr. McCullough successfully implemented Standards Based Grading, which uses a series of learning objectives that students must pass to determine their understanding of the material. This practice also accommodates students with learning disabilities. Dr. McCullough also actively engaged with students online during the pandemic by using a Light Board to record lectures, so she could face the camera while drawing on transparent glass.

Regent Underly said last year Dr. McCullough earned the UW-Stout Outstanding Educator Award in the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Management. Dr. McCullough also presents her research about the advancement of women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics STEM fields at regional and national conferences.

Dr. McCullough said, "Part of doing is also failing. We learn by making mistakes and I want my classroom to be a place where its safe to make mistakes." She noted her Standards Based Grading helps students to study harder and prove they passed every single objective. Dr. McCullough thanked the selection committee and her students because they allow her to do the job that she loves and also make it a good job.

Individual Award: Maureen Rappley Larson, Associate Professor and Program Coordinator, Department of Human Behavior, Justice, and Diversity, UW-Superior

Regent Jones presented Mimi Rappley Larson, Associate Professor and Program Coordinator at UW-Superior, with the second Individual Regents Teaching Excellence Award.

Regent Jones noted Professor Larson is a tenured faculty member in the University's Social Work Program, where she was taught in 1997. Professor Larson began teaching with more than 10 years of experience as a social worker, which allows her to share her real-world experiences with her students.

Regent Jones said Professor Larson's educational philosophy emphasizes building relationships, embracing active teaching and learning methods, and creating an interactive learning environment that promotes critical thinking and student ownership learning. These have led Professor Larson to her teaching approach which is grounded in empathy.

Regent Jones continued, "Professor Larson's development of a three-step process of teaching empathy has resulted in statistically significant improvement in student's understanding and practice of the skill so critical to social workers."

Professor Larson talked about how her experience as a social worker had taught and shaped her before going into teaching. One of the most important lessons she learned as a

social worker was that, "True change and well-being comes from having a relationship with and being connected to one another."

Professor Larson said she believes true learning happens within the context of a relationship and when the students feel seen and heard and are engaged both within and outside of the classroom. She stated, "It is my hope that students will have a transformative experience based on their own receiving of empathy in our classrooms and on our campuses and that they also can then go forth into the world and build connections with other people."

Program Award: Communications Department, UW-Parkside

Regent Saffold presented the Regents Teaching Excellence Award in the Program Category to the Communications Department at UW-Parkside.

Regent Saffold said the department's faculty and staff redesigned learning goals and instituted high impact practices such as community-based learning and undergraduate research that have helped transform student learning and benefitted historically marginalized student populations. Regent Saffold noted that the Communications Department retention and graduation rates outperform other majors.

Dr. Adrienne Viramontes, an Associate Professor and Department Chair in the Communications Department at UW-Parkside, accepted the award on behalf of the department. Dr. Viramontes said the award honors the department's hard work and dedication to the student body of Southeastern Wisconsin.

Dr. Viramontes said "My department is diverse, predominantly first-generation faculty, and student centered. We believe that when we take the self out of the classroom, everyone can learn."

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR UW-PLATTEVILLE CHANCELLOR DENNIS SHIELDS'S SERVICE TO THE UW SYSTEM

[\[Recording: 00:58:12\]](#)

President Manydeeds announced that Regent Atwell would read the resolution of appreciation to UW-Platteville Chancellor Shields for his service to the UW System.

Regent Atwell spoke not only of Chancellor Shields' courage, candor, drive, and determination, but the heart he has for his students, faculty, and staff. Regent Atwell said, "This work is intensely personal and has a lot to do with people and at the end of the day we need to reach people at a very personal and direct level. Dennis has done that for me, he's done it for his faculty, and he's done it for his staff."

Regent Atwell then presented the Board’s resolution of appreciation to Chancellor Shields, which was adopted by acclamation.

Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Platteville Chancellor Shields for his service to the UW System

Resolution 11843 WHEREAS, Dennis J. Shields has been one of the longest-serving Chancellors in the University of Wisconsin System, having dedicated 12 years in service as the 14th Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Platteville, from 2010 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, under Chancellor Shields’ tenure, UW-Platteville registered its highest enrollment totals in the University’s 156-year history, reaching a pinnacle of 8,950 students, reflecting his commitment to making the University affordable and accessible; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Shields’ focus on serving diverse communities resulted in doubling the population of students of color during his tenure, and he substantially enhanced infrastructure to support equity and justice by creating the campus’s first full division focused on supporting a myriad of historically marginalized populations—the division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion led by an executive-level Chief Diversity Officer—as well as founding a Veterans and Nontraditional Student Center; University Bias Incident Team; Hispanic Outreach Program; Campus Climate Department; and Pioneers Helping Pioneers emergency grant program; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Shields’ legacy includes an improved campus infrastructure, including the new facilities of Sesquicentennial Hall, Bridgeway Commons, Rountree Commons, and the Solar Array Panel as well as major renovations to Boebel Hall and Williams Fieldhouse, demonstrating his desire for high-caliber learning experiences for all students; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Shields’ steadfast belief in being a Steward of Place has had a powerful, far-reaching impact on Southwest Wisconsin and the Tri-State Region, making UW-Platteville a hub of learning, research, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Shields’ belief in the University controlling its own destiny has led to record amounts of gifts as well as the creation of a corporate relations department; a real estate foundation; and

538% growth of the foundation from \$14 million to total net assets over \$90 million in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Chancellors Shields' consistent demonstration of being a values-driven leader, whose main educational focus is championing access, equity, and speaking his truth to support student success, has been obstinately evident in his advocacy efforts, founding of an Academic Support Programs student success center, engagement in Athletics, and championing of faculty who deliver high-impact practices to transform student experiences,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby commends Dennis J. Shields for his many achievements, offers thanks for his long-time service as Chancellor of UW-Platteville, and wishes him well in his next endeavor as President of the Southern University System and Chancellor of Southern University and A&M College.

Chancellor Shields said, "In large part when I accepted the position as the Chancellor of University of Wisconsin-Platteville it was because I sensed in the faculty, the staff, and the students a culture that was committed to great teaching that would lead to great student outcomes. I'm happy to say that commitment has been confirmed over my time at Platteville, and I'm grateful for having been a part of that culture."

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO UW-STEVENSON POINT FOR HOSTING THE APRIL 2022 MEETING

President Manydeeds called upon Regent Tucker to read the resolution of appreciation to UW-Stevens Point for hosting the April 2022 Board of Regents meeting.

Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Stevens Point for Hosting the April 2022 Meeting

Resolution 11844 WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Regents are pleased to recognize the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point as the official host campus for the board's April 2022 meeting, and are grateful for the generous hospitality extended this month by Chancellor Thomas Gibson and the entire Pointer community; and

WHEREAS, the board appreciated hearing Chancellor Gibson’s energetic and thoughtful presentation, “Purpose-Driven Education: Point of Transformation;” and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee thanks the following students for sharing their stories in “One Point – Many Futures”—Colin Barker, a graduate student in the Master of Science-Athletic Training program; Havilah Vang, a music education major; and Graeme Gross, majoring in German and international studies; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Planning and Budget Committee was pleased to hear the presentation, “Purpose-Driven Capital Investments: Reimagining the Student Experience,” including information on the Chemistry and Biology Building that has been constructed and important future capital needs for students’ well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Business and Finance Committee gained a deeper understanding of the university’s purpose-driven investments and how the university is aligning its financial model for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee heard an in-depth discussion highlighting how the university is building prosperous communities through research, collaboration, and innovation, including examples of students working with Wisconsin businesses and community stakeholders to advance sustainability and conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Board was delighted to hear a performance at the Dreyfus University Center by some of the talented students from the university’s School of Performing Arts;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby thanks UW-Stevens Point for this month’s informative presentations, its forward-thinking spirit, and its many continued, purposeful contributions to the UW System and to the state of Wisconsin.

REGENT COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

President Manydeeds noted the recent passing of former Lt. Governor, State Senator, and Regent Emeritus Margaret Farrow. President Manydeeds extended the Board's condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues.

Vice President Walsh acknowledged the recent passing of John Bollinger, former Dean of the College of Engineering at UW-Madison.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Submitted by:

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