## BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

## Capital Planning and Budget Committee Minutes Thursday, August 18, 2022

The August 18, 2022, meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee, which was held in University Union on the UW-Green Bay campus and via WebEx Videoconferencing, was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by Committee Chair Regent Ashok Rai.

## A. Calling of the Roll

Present: Regents Ashok Rai, Dana Wachs, Angela Adams, Scott Beightol, Rodney Pasch, Cris Peterson, Brianna Tucker and Jill Underly

## B. Declaration of Conflicts

Before considering any items on the agenda, Committee Chair Regent Rai 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." No conflicts of interest were declared.

C. <u>Approval of the Minutes of the June 9, 2022, Meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee</u>

After receipt of a motion and second, the minutes of the June 9, 2022, meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee were approved as presented.

D. <u>UW-Green Bay: Presentation "Transforming UW- Green Bay Through; Preserving, Energizing Revitalizing and Connecting"</u>

CBO and Senior Vice Chancellor for Institutional Strategy, Sheryl Van Gruensven provided an overview of the university's mission and strategic priorities which include Student Success, Inclusivity, Digital Transformation, Community Connections, Sustainability & Environmental Work and Athletics & the Weidner Center. She elaborated on student enrollment and its trajectory. The university is amid preparing a new master plan that incorporates the union, health science studies, residence life, and the Phoenix Innovation Park, while addressing the space utilization analysis and condition assessment survey. SVC Van Gruensven walked the committee through the university's capital budget, ongoing and future projects. The Cofrin replacement project is at the forefront of their physical transformation; a transformation of the main campus which will require a mix of state, university, and private funding. She ended the presentation reminding the committee of the unique and powerful partnerships with Brown County, UVHI, TitleTown Tech and the UW-Green Bay Foundation.

E. <u>UW System: Consideration of the 2023-25 Biennial Capital Budget Request</u>

Senior Associate Vice President for Capital Planning and Budget, Alex Roe, presented the 2023-25 Biennial Capital Budget and 6-Year Capital Plan. The budget is a request of

\$2,473,399,000 billion. It is comprised of \$1,601,339,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing, \$227,954,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing, \$140,700,000 Residual Program Revenue Supported Borrowing, \$237,242,000 Cash, \$208,750,000 Gifts, and \$57,414,000 Building Trust Funds.

SAVP Roe deployed the Capital Plan database to illustrate the various projects, types, locations, and fund sources across the university. She presented each program and project for the committee's consideration.

There are four categorical enumerations for the All-Agency Program, the Instructional Space Program, the Minor Facilities Renewal Projects Program and the System wide Central Plant and Utility Program.

Sixteen individual project enumerations and six planning and design funding projects complete the request.

The 6-year Capital Plan encompasses 63 programs and projects for a total cost of \$5,611,542,000 billion.

Regent Pasch inquired about the operational impact of the proposed budget. SAVP Roe indicated that it is estimated that an additional 35 maintenance and custodial employees could be hired, \$5.4 Million in utility costs and \$30M in debt service. However, there will be \$109M in reimbursable costs (design costs that are paid up front). She added that in the coming years, System will work closely with each campus' CBOs to standardize the metrics that determine the operating budget impacts.

Regent Beightol requested that when considering sustainability to include water. Particularly, the Water Council has programs on how to preserve this resource. He also stated that he appreciates the major projects that will address the needs in Wisconsin such as Teacher Education, Health Sciences and STEM graduates. Lastly Regent Beightol asked SAVP Roe about how gift money is presented in the budget for major projects. SAVP Roe answered that they require campuses to match the funds needed for a project, specifically for research buildings. With the inflation rate at the amount it is, many projects are working diligently to bring additional gift money to cover increased costs. In addition, the proposed budget does not include projects solely funded by gift money which come through the gift and grant program. This program continues to grow as campuses want to take advantage of it.

Regent Rai elaborated on Regent Beightol's question about gift giving. He stated that we need to look beyond the capital aspect of the project since some donors want to give but

not to a building. It will be important to articulate that programs exist in these buildings and figure out how to meld programmatic and capital needs.

Regent Wachs expressed his gratitude to see the investment into STEM. He stated there are multiple studies that have shown how incredible economies can develop when higher education is invested.

In conclusion, Regent Rai reminded the committee that the proposed budget is a very large number but it only touches about 10% of the 69 million square feet the university owns. The ongoing need to maintain our buildings is a real requirement. It is vital to continue to advocate that our campuses are up-to-date, safe, and attracting students so they come to school here and remain in Wisconsin to work here.

Resolution E. was moved by Regent Underly, seconded by Regent Adams, and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

The Capital Planning and Budget Committee meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael

Janis Richard
Committee Clerk