

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

Thursday, February 10, 2022  
1:00 p.m.

Union South  
1308 W. Dayton Street  
Madison, Wisconsin

-President Manydeeds presiding-

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## **CALLING OF THE ROLL**

[\[Recording: 00:00:01\]](#)

PRESENT: Regents Amy Bogost, Héctor Colón, Mike Jones, Tracey Klein, Edmund Manydeeds, John Miller, Rodney Pasch, Andrew Petersen, Cris Peterson, Corey Saffold, Jill Underly, Karen Walsh, and Kyle Weatherly

Regent Brianna Tucker joined the meeting at 1:10 p.m. Regent Michael Grebe joined the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regents Robert Atwell, Scott Beightol, and Ashok Rai

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## **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." No conflicts were declared.

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## **UPDATES AND INTRODUCTIONS**

[\[Recording: 00:01:37\]](#)

President Thompson welcomed Paige Smith back to UW System Administration as the new Chief Compliance Officer. She previously held roles at UW System Administration and UW-Whitewater and most recently served as the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services at UW-Platteville.

President Thompson then introduced Dr. Maria Cuzzo, who was recently named to the permanent position of Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UW-Superior. Dr. Cuzzo has served as the interim Provost since June of 2019. She is also a tenured professor in the Department of Human Behavior, Justice, and Diversity.

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## **APPROVAL OF MEETING RECORDS**

Regent Jones moved for the approval of the records of the December 9-10, 2021 meeting of the Board of Regents, the December 20, 2021 and January 21, 2022 special meetings of the Board of Regents, and the January 28, 2022 meeting of the Board's Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Regent Petersen and approved on a voice vote.

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## **REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

[\[Recording: 00:06:04\]](#)

### **Reports of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board**

The January 2022 report of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board was provided. There were no comments or questions.

### **Update on the UW-Madison Chancellor Search**

President Manydeeds announced that the search for the next UW-Madison Chancellor officially launched in January following the appointment of the Search & Screen Committee in December.

President Manydeeds reported Regent Vice President Walsh, Chair of the Search & Screen Committee, and the other committee members held a series of listening sessions with UW-Madison faculty, academic and university staff, students, alumni, and community members to hear their views on what they would like to see in the next UW-Madison Chancellor.

President Manydeeds announced the Special Regent Committee will consist of Regents Bogost, Jones, Klein, Manydeeds, Miller, and Walsh. President Manydeeds will chair this committee. He said they anticipated the Special Regent Committee will recommend a candidate for the full Board's consideration later this spring.

### **Update on the UW System President Search**

President Manydeeds congratulated incoming System President Jay Rothman, who was recently approved by the Board as the next President of the University of Wisconsin System. President Manydeeds noted Jay Rothman's position as the CEO and chairman of the Foley & Larder law firm in Milwaukee since 2011 and member of the firm since 1986. He said Mr. Rothman's leadership and executive management skills will be an invaluable asset for the UW System.

President Manydeeds thanked Regent Emeritus Michael J. Falbo for serving as the interim President of UW System for the period of time after President Thompson steps down in mid-March until President Rothman formally starts in his new role on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Supporting Student Success**

President Manydeeds reported on research from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center which found that the UW System's students had a 5% higher graduation rate than the national average for U.S. public 4-year universities. The rate was 69% for students who started higher education at a U.S. public 4-year university in fall of 2015 and graduated in spring of 2021, but for UW System students it was a 74% graduation rate in the same time period.

President Manydeeds encouraged people to use the UW System accountability dashboard to see the graduation rates, which are at an upward trajectory, and see how the System is meeting high standards that are set.

### **Research in the Rotunda**

President Manydeeds asked for Regents to "hold the date" for the upcoming Research in the Rotunda event on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. He noted that this is one of the UW System's most significant outreach events where undergraduate researchers come together in the Capitol rotunda to share their findings with legislators, state leaders, UW Alumni, and other supporters. President Manydeeds also said that a brief video will be featured on the Research in the Rotunda website if people are unable to make it to the event.

President Manydeeds noted that February is Black History Month and wanted to reiterate the longstanding support of the Board for advancing greater diversity throughout the

System. He said a diverse campus community is integral to providing a high-quality education. President Manydeeds said in that spirit the Regents' Diversity Awards would be presented the following day.

### **March 10, 2022 UW System Board of Regents Meeting Cancelled**

President Manydeeds provided an update to the meeting calendar. He said the one-day Regents meeting scheduled for March 10, 2022 has been cancelled and the next meeting would take place at UW-Stevens Point on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

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### **HOST-CAMPUS PRESENTATION BY REBECCA BLANK, CHANCELLOR, UW-MADISON: "UW-MADISON IS A WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY: HOW DO WE HELP KEEP IT THAT WAY?"**

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

Chancellor Blank presented on the accomplishments of UW-Madison in regard to student enrollment and campus life, research, funding, and academic programming.

Chancellor Blank said the number of National Merit Scholars enrolled at UW-Madison has more than doubled since 2013. She also said that the out-of-state enrollment has expanded, with help from the Board of Regents, due to revisions in the enrollment policies. Chancellor Blank reported that the number of historically under-represented students has increased from 700 in 2017 to over 1,200 in 2021. She spoke about the expanded mental health services and wellness facilities offered at UW-Madison.

Chancellor Blank reported that research expenditures have grown 17% since her arrival at UW-Madison. She also said her emphasis on fundraising has been important to UW-Madison's accomplishments.

Regent Petersen noted the dip and then incline in research dollars and asked where the increase was coming from. Chancellor Blank said there has been a slow increase in recent years and currently there are many funding packages in front of the national legislature for some big increases in certain research dollars.

Regent Petersen also asked how many of the 57% of students coming out of UW-Madison debt-free were in-state vs. out-of-state students. Chancellor Blank said out-of-state students typically hold more debt, due to higher bills, but with Bucky's Tuition Promise there has been an increase of in-state students graduating without debt.

Regent Petersen asked Chancellor Blank how the UW-Madison campus has handled the rapidly increasing undergraduate enrollment. Chancellor Blank said money was given to

the colleges within UW-Madison to ensure there was enough faculty to handle the class sizes, then gave money to the other areas students pass through.

Regent Weatherly praised Chancellor Blank's fundraising efforts and the amount raised with the All Ways Forward campaign. He also commented on Chancellor Blank's exit and what a massive loss it is to the UW System.

Regent Weatherly asked Chancellor Blank about the difficulty of gaining admission to UW-Madison and about the qualified students who have succeeded from UW-Madison in the past, but based on current admission standards would not get into the school. Chancellor Blank noted that the admission rate for in-state students has slightly increased. She said it is not harder to get into UW-Madison as an in-state student, but it has become more difficult to gain admission as an out-of-state student.

Regent Klein thanked Chancellor Blank for her time and great leadership at the UW-System. She then asked Chancellor Blank about program revenue bonding. She said greater flexibilities are needed for UW-Madison and program revenue bonding seems to be a good way to give those flexibilities. Chancellor Blank said the multiple stakeholders complicate the situation, but in recent years she believes there has been progress made in getting Assembly leaders to see the need for program revenue bonding.

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## **PRESENTATION: CAPITAL BUDGETING AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

[\[Recording: 01:21:30\]](#)

Alex Roe, Senior Associate Vice President for Capital Planning & Budget, presented on the process her office uses to evaluate capital project requests for consideration. She gave an overview of the capital budget calendar and planning timeline as well as the capital budget project request process.

Ms. Roe stated there are four prerequisite categories evaluated when considering a project: net new square footage, evidence of planning, institutional readiness, and infrastructure impact. She then expanded more on the details within those categories and how they play into the evaluation. Ms. Roe also overviewed the role the Board of Regents has in the process and when projects appear in front of the Board for approval.

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## CLOSED SESSION

[\[Recording: 01:41:39\]](#)

President Manydeeds called upon Vice President Walsh to read the motion to move into closed session. The motion was seconded by Regent Bogost and adopted on a roll-call vote, with Regents Bogost, Colón, Grebe, Jones, Klein, Manydeeds, Miller, Pasch, Petersen, Peterson, Saffold, Tucker, Underly, Walsh, and Weatherly voting in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes and no abstentions.

### Closed Session Resolution

Resolution 11773      That the Board of Regents move into closed session to: a) consider personal histories related to a naming at UW-La Crosse, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats.; b) consider an amended employment agreement and additional compensation agreement for a UW-Madison assistant football coach/defensive coordinator, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(c) and (e), Wis. Stats.; c) consider an amended employment agreement and additional compensation agreement for a UW-Madison assistant football coach, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(c) and (e), Wis. Stats.; d) consider an amended employment agreement and additional compensation agreement for a UW-Madison assistant football coach, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(c) and (e), Wis. Stats.; e) consider a compensation adjustment for an individual with a salary that exceeds 75% of the UW System President's salary, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats.; f) consider strategies for crime detection and prevention, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(d), Wis. Stats.; and g) consider pay plan/compensation adjustments for chancellors and the UW System President, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats.

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Before considering items on the closed 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." No conflicts were declared.

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During the closed session, Regent Walsh moved for the adoption of Resolution 11774. The motion was seconded by Regent Bogost and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Salary for Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, UW-Madison

Resolution 11774     That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System and the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Board of Regents approves an annual salary of \$425,000 for Mark D. Markel, Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, effective January 2, 2022.

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Regent Walsh moved for the adoption of Resolution 11775. The motion was seconded by Regent Jones and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Rename the Center for the Arts, UW-La Crosse

Resolution 11775     That, upon the recommendation of the UW-La Crosse Chancellor and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes that the Center for the Arts be renamed, Truman Lowe Center for the Arts.

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Regent Petersen moved for the adoption of Resolution 11776. The motion was seconded by Regent Jones and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Amended Employment and Additional Compensation Agreements with Assistant Football Coach/Defensive Coordinator James Leonard, UW-Madison

Resolution 11776     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 attached Fifth Amendment to Employment Agreement and Third Amended and Restated Additional Compensation Agreement for assistant football coach/defensive coordinator James Leonhard, effective February 13, 2022.

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Regent Klein moved for the adoption of Resolution 11777. The motion was seconded by Regent Walsh and approved on a voice vote.



Approval of Amended Employment and Additional Compensation Agreements with Assistant Football Coach Robert A. Bostad, UW-Madison

Resolution 11777      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 attached Fifth Amendment to Employment Agreement and Additional Compensation Agreement for assistant football coach Robert A. Bostad, effective February 13, 2022.

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Regent Walsh moved for the adoption of Resolution 11778. The motion was seconded by Regent Saffold and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Amended Employment and Additional Compensation Agreements with Assistant Football Coach Robert W. April, III, UW-Madison

Resolution 11778      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 attached Fourth Amendment to Employment Agreement and Additional Compensation Agreement for assistant football coach Robert W. April, III, effective February 13, 2022.

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Regent Petersen moved for the adoption of Resolution 11779. The motion was seconded by Regent Grebe and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Annual Base Salary Adjustments for Chancellors and System President

Resolution 11779      That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves a 2% pay plan increase for Chancellors and President effective January 2, 2022, as set forth in Attachment A.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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Submitted by:

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Office of the Board of Regents  
University of Wisconsin System