

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

Friday, February 11, 2022
8:45 a.m.

Union South
1308 W. Dayton Street
Madison, Wisconsin

-President Manydeeds presiding-

CALLING OF THE ROLL	3
DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS	3
OUTGOING REMARKS BY THE INTERIM UW SYSTEM PRESIDENT	4
REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE	4
<i>New Regent Policy Document, "Youth Protection, Compliance, and Data Collection"</i>	5
REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BUSINESS & FINANCE COMMITTEE	5
<i>UW System Status Report on Large/High-Risk Information Technology Projects</i>	6
<i>UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects</i>	6
<i>Approval of UW System Amendment to Service Agreement with Huron Consulting Group, Inc.</i>	6
<i>Approval of UW System Amendment to Service Agreement with EAB Global, Inc.</i>	7
<i>Approval of UW-Madison Sponsored Research Agreement with RxMapper, LLC</i>	7
<i>Approval of UW-Madison Standard Research Agreement with eGenesis, Inc.</i>	7
<i>Approval of UW-Madison Clinical Study Agreement with Fate Therapeutics, Inc.</i>	7
REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE	7
<i>Approval of Master of Science in School Psychology, UW-Madison</i>	8
<i>Approval of Doctor of Philosophy in School Psychology, UW-Madison</i>	9
<i>Approval of Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Information Science, UW-Madison</i>	9
<i>Approval of Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics, UW-Milwaukee</i>	9
<i>Approval of Master of Science in Data Science, UW-Milwaukee</i>	9
<i>Approval of Bachelor of Professional Studies in Leadership & Organizational Development, UW-Oshkosh</i>	9
<i>Approval of Executive Master of Business Administration, UW-Oshkosh</i>	10
<i>Approval of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Professional Writing and Publishing, UW-Whitewater</i>	10
<i>Approval of Master of Science in Applied Kinesiology, UW-Whitewater</i>	10
<i>Approval of Master of Science in Education in Early Childhood Education Policy, UW-Whitewater</i>	10
<i>Approval of Academic Unit Realignment Proposal, UW-Milwaukee</i>	10
<i>Authorization to Implement the Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts Transfer Program with Northcentral Technical College, UW-Stevens Point</i>	11

<i>Authorization to Implement the Associate of Sciences in Liberal Arts Transfer Program with Northcentral Technical College, UW-Stevens Point.....</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Approval of Amendments to Regent Policy Document 4-10, "Class Audit Policy".....</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Approval of Extended Reduction of Undergraduate Application Fees.....</i>	<i>11</i>
REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CAPITAL PLANNING & BUDGET COMMITTEE.....	11
<i>Authorization to Sell a 2.94-Acre Parcel of Land, UW-Madison.....</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Authorization to Sell a 5.76-Acre Parcel of Land, UW-Madison.....</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Authorization to Complete the Design and Construct the UW-Managed Biochemical Sciences Coon Lab Building Project, UW-Madison.....</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Authorization to Complete the Design and Construct the UW-Managed Rowe WHAM Plasma Physics Lab Electrical and Cooling Upgrade Project, UW-Madison.....</i>	<i>13</i>
REPORT OF THE RESEARCH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE.....	13
PRESENTATION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS 2022 DIVERSITY AWARDS.....	13
<i>Individual Award: Dr. Rose-Marie Avin, Professor of Economics and Director of the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program – UW-Eau Claire.....</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Individual Award: Barbara Stewart, Vice Chancellor of Diversity & Inclusion – UW-La Crosse.....</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Department Award: Pioneers Helping Pioneers Emergency Grant Program – UW-Platteville.....</i>	<i>15</i>
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO UW-MADISON FOR HOSTING THE FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING.....	16
<i>Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Madison for Hosting the February 2022 Meeting.....</i>	<i>16</i>
REGENT COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.....	17
APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN TITLE FOR INTERIM UW SYSTEM PRESIDENT TOMMY THOMPSON	17
<i>Approval of a Change in Title for Interim UW System President Tommy Thompson.....</i>	<i>17</i>
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR UW SYSTEM PRESIDENT TOMMY THOMPSON'S SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM.....	17
<i>Resolution of Appreciation for UW System President Tommy Thompson's Service to the University of Wisconsin System.....</i>	<i>18</i>

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

Friday, February 11, 2022
8:45 a.m.

Union South
1308 W. Dayton Street
Madison, Wisconsin

-President Manydeeds presiding-

- - -

The recording of this meeting's open session is available at: [February 11, 2022 Webcast](#)

- - -

CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

PRESENT: Regents 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

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regents Robert Atwell, Scott Beightol, and Tracey Klein

- - -

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.

- - -

OUTGOING REMARKS BY THE INTERIM UW SYSTEM PRESIDENT

[\[Recording: 00:01:10\]](#)

Regent President Manydeeds welcomed interim President Thompson to give remarks before stepping down as the UW System President on March 18, 2022.

President Thompson reflected on his time as the UW System President. He talked about fighting COVID on campuses, the constant efforts to ensure students remained safe and healthy, and the vaccination efforts. The “70 for 70” scholarship initiative resulted in 11 of the 12 participating universities successfully reaching the target 70% student vaccination rate. This meant 70 vaccinated students at those universities received a \$7,000 scholarship.

President Thompson spoke about the financial struggles the UW System faced as a result of the pandemic. He said through a combination of employee furloughs, travel limitations, reduced expenses, and other measures, as well as federal COVID funds, all universities in the UW System are financially stable.

President Thompson also talked about other accomplishments during his presidency such as hiring new Chancellors, restoring tuition-setting to the Board of Regents, getting a 2022-23 pay plan for UW employees, and holding overall enrollment losses due to COVID at about 1%, half the national average.

President Thompson said, “While I am stepping down from the UW System next month, I am not stepping down from Wisconsin – and I will continue to do what I have always done. I will do whatever I can to make this state the best it can be. And that includes continuing to advocate for the University of Wisconsin.”

- - -

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 01:09:45\]](#)

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

Regent Weatherly reported that the Audit Committee heard a review from Chief Audit Executive, Lori Stortz, about the progress to date on the FY2022 audit plan where she reported her office is making excellent progress on the plan. Then Ms. Stortz provided a high-level summary of the results of the audits issued by the office of internal audit since December. This summary included an executive summary of the NCAA Athletics Division I and II agreed upon procedures, engagement, and management letters for UW-Green Bay, UW-Milwaukee, and UW-Parkside.

Regent Weatherly said the Director of Youth Protection and Compliance Prenicia Clifton presented a proposed Regent Policy Document: "Youth Protection, Compliance, and Data Collection." The committee unanimously voted in support of the new Regent Policy Document. Ms. Clifton said she expects the policy to go into effect January of 2023. The committee requested that Ms. Clifton continue to give regular updates.

Regent Weatherly reported Interim Associate Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer Ed Murphy presented an information security update and discussed the 2022 information security roadmap. Regent Weatherly said Mr. Murphy is working on a dashboard to give operational metrics for information security programs to the Regents later in 2022.

Regent Weatherly said the committee also heard from Vice President of Finance Sean Nelson on an external audit report from the Legislative Audit Bureau on the June 30, 2021 financial statements.

Regent Weatherly moved for the adoption of Resolution 11780. The motion was seconded by Regent Bogost and approved on a voice vote.

New Regent Policy Document, "Youth Protection, Compliance, and Data Collection"

Resolution 11780 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves a new Regent Policy Document titled "Youth Protection, Compliance, and Data Collection."

- - -

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

[\[Recording: 01:13:07\]](#)

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

Regent Jones reported the committee heard a host campus presentation from Interim Vice Chancellor Rob Cramer titled, "Strategic Investments – Opportunities and Challenges for UW-Madison." Mr. Cramer said UW-Madison's current focus is on innovative opportunities in real estate, cash management, corporate engagement, and the realization of savings through administrative efficiencies and facility modernization.

Regent Jones said the committee approved a UW System Status report on Large/High-Risk Information Technology Projects and also approved the Annual Report of the Strategic

Plans for Major information and Technology Projects, which were both presented by Steven Hopper.

Regent Jones reported the Business & Finance Committee approved two amendments to service agreements, two research agreements, and one clinical study agreement. Regent Jones said the Committee also heard two informational reports from Vice President for Finance Sean Nelson: the Semi-Annual Budget-to-Actuals Report and the Semi-Annual Report of Gifts, Grants, and Contracts.

Regent Jones moved for the adoption of Resolutions 11781, 11782, 11783, 11784, 11785, 11786, and 11787. The motion was seconded by Regent Underly and approved on a voice vote.

UW System Status Report on Large/High-Risk Information Technology Projects

Resolution 11781 That, upon the recommendation the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves: (1) the UW System Status Report on Large/High-Risk Information Technology Projects dated February 10, 2022; and (2) UW System Administration's submittal of the report on the Board's behalf to the legislative Joint Committee on Information Policy and Technology, as required by s. 36.59(7), Wis. Stats.

UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects

Resolution 11782 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves: (1) the UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects; and (2) UW System Administration's submittal of the report on the Board's behalf to the legislative Joint Committee on Information Policy and Technology, as required by s. 36.59(7), Wis. Stats.

Approval of UW System Amendment to Service Agreement with Huron Consulting Group, Inc.

Resolution 11783 That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the amendment to the contractual agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UWSA, and Huron Consulting Group, Inc.

Approval of UW System Amendment to Service Agreement with EAB Global, Inc.

Resolution 11784 That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the amendment to the contractual service agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UWSA, and EAB Global, Inc.

Approval of UW-Madison Sponsored Research Agreement with RxMapper, LLC

Resolution 11785 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 sponsored research agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and RxMapper, LLC.

Approval of UW-Madison Standard Research Agreement with eGenesis, Inc.

Resolution 11786 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 eGenesis, Inc.

Approval of UW-Madison Clinical Study Agreement with Fate Therapeutics, Inc.

Resolution 11787 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 clinical study agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Fate Therapeutics, Inc.

REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 01:19:48\]](#)

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

Regent Bogost provided an overview of the 10 new academic degree programs approved by the Education Committee.

Regent Bogost reported the Education Committee approved a proposal from UW-Milwaukee to realign its academic units in an effort to position itself for future success. UW-Milwaukee will realign eight existing school colleges and programs into four.

Regent Bogost said the Education Committee approved a new Liberal Arts transfer program for an Associate of Arts and Associate of Science between the Wisconsin Technical College System and UW-Stevens Point.

Regent Bogost reported the Education Committee approved changes to Regent Policy Document 4-10, "Class Audit Policy". This was to clarify language around guest auditors and fees along with oversight responsibilities to implement the policy.

Regent Bogost said the Education Committee heard a report on the impact of the current fee waiver policies for undergraduate admissions fees at 10 of the UW System campuses and approved an extension of the policy.

Regent Bogost highlighted the Host Campus presentation from the UW-Madison academic leadership team and students highlighting the work of their often unsung heroes: academic planners, advisors, tutors, and other staff and professionals.

Finally, Regent Bogost said the Education Committee received a report from the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs about the EAB Navigate/Academic Planner Pilot Program.

Regent Bogost moved for adoption of Resolutions 11788, 11789, 11790, 11791, 11792, 11793, 11794, 11795, 11796, 11797, 11798, 11799, 11800, 11801, and 11802. The motion was seconded by Regent Jones.

Vice President Walsh asked Chancellor Mone where the College of Engineering was moved within the realignment at UW-Milwaukee and if any pushback was to be expected from that. Chancellor Mone answered that the College of Engineering would not be affected by the proposed realignment.

The motion to adopt Resolutions 11788, 11789, 11790, 11791, 11792, 11793, 11794, 11795, 11796, 11797, 11798, 11799, 11800, 11801, and 11802 was then approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Master of Science in School Psychology, UW-Madison

Resolution 11788 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the

Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in School Psychology program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Approval of Doctor of Philosophy in School Psychology, UW-Madison

Resolution 11789 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Doctor of Philosophy in School Psychology program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Approval of Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Information Science, UW-Madison

Resolution 11790 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 Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Information Science program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Approval of Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics, UW-Milwaukee

Resolution 11791 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Approval of Master of Science in Data Science, UW-Milwaukee

Resolution 11792 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee 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-Milwaukee.

Approval of Bachelor of Professional Studies in Leadership & Organizational Development, UW-Oshkosh

Resolution 11793 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Oshkosh and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Professional Studies in Leadership & Organizational Development program at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Approval of Executive Master of Business Administration, UW-Oshkosh

Resolution 11794 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Oshkosh and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Executive Master of Business Administration at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Approval of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Professional Writing and Publishing, UW-Whitewater

Resolution 11795 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Whitewater and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Professional Writing and Publishing program at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Approval of Master of Science in Applied Kinesiology, UW-Whitewater

Resolution 11796 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Whitewater and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Applied Kinesiology program at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Approval of Master of Science in Education in Early Childhood Education Policy, UW-Whitewater

Resolution 11797 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Whitewater and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Education in Early Childhood Education Policy program at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Approval of Academic Unit Realignment Proposal, UW-Milwaukee

Resolution 11798 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents authorizes the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to establish the College of Architecture and Arts, the College of Applied Social Sciences, Joseph J. Zilber College of Public Health, and the College of Health Professions and Sciences, and Schools of Nursing, Rehabilitation Sciences and Technology, and Biomedical Sciences.

Authorization to Implement the Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts Transfer Program with Northcentral Technical College, UW-Stevens Point

Resolution 11799 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor of UW-Stevens Point, and the President of Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is authorized to implement the transfer degree program for an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts.

Authorization to Implement the Associate of Sciences in Liberal Arts Transfer Program with Northcentral Technical College, UW-Stevens Point

Resolution 11800 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor of UW-Stevens Point, and the President of Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is authorized to implement the transfer degree program for an Associate of Sciences in Liberal Arts.

Approval of Amendments to Regent Policy Document 4-10, "Class Audit Policy"

Resolution 11801 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the UW System Board of Regents amends Regent Policy Document (RPD) 4-10, "Class Audit Policy," to update the policy and meet the standards of a Regent Policy Document.

Approval of Extended Reduction of Undergraduate Application Fees

Resolution 11802 That, upon recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves the proposed request to establish an application fee of \$0 for all undergraduate admission to UW universities, excepting UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse, and UW-Madison.

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

[\[Recording: 01:24:48\]](#)

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

Regent Grebe provided an overview of the agenda items the Capital Planning & Budget Committee met to discuss and consider, which included the sale of two parcels of land and the authority to complete the design and construct two buildings.

Regent Grebe said the Capital Planning & Budget Committee heard a report by the Interim Vice Chancellor Rob Cramer and Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Planning, and Management Cindy Torstveit about the critical nature of the built environment and the University's mission entitled, "Transforming the Built Environment: UW-Madison Future Facilities Planning Strategy."

Regent Grebe reported that Senior Associate Vice President Alex Roe gave the Capital Planning & Budget Committee an overview of next steps in the capital planning process and provided some early statistics from the capital budget submissions from the 13 UW System institutions.

Regent Grebe moved for the adoption of Resolutions 11803, 11804, 11805, and 11806. The motion was seconded by Regent Rai and approved on a voice vote.

Authorization to Sell a 2.94-Acre Parcel of Land, UW-Madison

Resolution 11803 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison, and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes the sale of a 2.94-acre parcel of land located at 6101 Mineral Point Road, Madison to University Research Park for \$90,467.63.

Authorization to Sell a 5.76-Acre Parcel of Land, UW-Madison

Resolution 11804 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison, and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes the sale of a 5.76-acre parcel of land located at 5707 Mineral Point Road, Madison to University Research Park for \$158,530.

Authorization to Complete the Design and Construct the UW-Managed Biochemical Sciences Coon Lab Building Project, UW-Madison

Resolution 11805 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 completion of design and construction of the Biochemical Sciences Coon Lab for an estimated total cost of \$2,500,000 Gift/Grant Funds.

Authorization to Complete the Design and Construct the UW-Managed Rowe WHAM Plasma Physics Lab Electrical and Cooling Upgrade Project, UW-Madison

Resolution 11806 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 completion of design and construction of the Rowe WHAM Plasma Physics Lab Electrical and Cooling Upgrade project for an estimated total cost of \$1,564,000 Gift/Grant Funds.

- - -

REPORT OF THE RESEARCH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 01:29:49\]](#)

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

Regent Peterson reported that the Research, Economic Development & Innovation Committee heard a Host Campus presentation from UW-Madison presenters, including Chancellor Blank, about the innovative ways their research is positively impacting health care advancements and expanding economic and community development.

Regent Peterson said the Committee also heard a progress report and presentation on the groundbreaking biotechnology research being done at University Research Park from Aaron Olver, Managing Director, and Sara Pirstill, Site Director.

- - -

PRESENTATION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS 2022 DIVERSITY AWARDS

[\[Recording: 01:36:12\]](#)

President Manydeeds said called upon Regent Héctor Colón, Chair of the awards selection committee, to present the 2022 Regent Diversity Awards.

Regent Colón welcomed the recipients and their families, friends, and colleagues to the 14th presentation of the Regent Diversity Awards, which are meant to recognize outstanding contributions to diversity and inclusion by people and programs at UW universities. Regent Colón thanked his fellow Regents on the selection committee and recognized all nominees for taking their time to submit materials.

Individual Award: Dr. Rose-Marie Avin, Professor of Economics and Director of the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program – UW-Eau Claire

Regent Rai presented the first Regent Diversity Award in the individual category to Dr. Rose-Marie Avin, Professor of Economics and Director of the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program at UW-Eau Claire. He said Dr. Avin's goal is to promote an environment free from bias and discrimination. She has taught her students to advocate for gender, racial, and economic justice through her courses and immersion programs.

Regent Rai said Dr. Avin has developed study abroad programs in Argentina and Nicaragua and has received two Fulbright-Hays awards to conduct work in Brazil and India. Dr. Avin was also one of the first to teach courses on equity, diversity, and inclusion at UW-Eau Claire. She has invited nationally and internationally renowned activists and scholars to deliver on-campus talks and workshops to mark celebrated occasions. Dr. Avin received UW-Eau Claire's Excellence in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award in 2021 and the Martin Luther King Social Justice Leadership Award in 2019.

Dr. Avin thanked the Board of Regents for the award and UW-Eau Claire for nominating her. She said that mentoring students and helping to create a sense of belonging are the cornerstone of her work. She said faculty members offer endless support to the students and the program is like a home away from home.

Dr. Avin said, "The most important thing I learned as director is the importance of creating a welcoming, inclusive, and nurturing environment for all of our students, physically creating a home away from home... This leads to improved academic performance and potential graduation, but most of all to happy, healthy and engaged students."

Individual Award: Barbara Stewart, Vice Chancellor of Diversity & Inclusion – UW-La Crosse

Regent Colón presented the second Regent Diversity Award in the individual category to Barbara Stewart, Vice Chancellor of Diversity & Inclusion at UW-La Crosse. Regent Colón said in her 22 plus years at UW-La Crosse, Vice Chancellor Stewart has forged strong collaboration on and off the campus. As the inaugural Vice Chancellor of the Division of Diversity and Inclusion she is credited with bringing diversity-related offices together to increase student success and retention.

Regent Colón said Vice Chancellor Stewart focuses on creating a safe space for students, growing TRIO programs, supporting and amplifying multicultural student retention, providing better access to students who identify as having a disability, and increasing opportunities to serve LGBTQ+ students, faculty, and staff on campus. She was named one of Wisconsin's Most Influential Black Leaders by Madion365 in 2020 and was awarded La Crosse's Martin Luther King Jr. Award for Leadership in 2015.

Vice Chancellor Stewart thanked the Board of Regents and the selection committee, her staff and chancellor for the nomination, and her family and friends for their support. She also congratulated the other award nominees and thanked her colleagues at UW-La Crosse.

Vice Chancellor Stewart said we must re-invest and re-commit to pre-college programs in order to reduce existing achievement gaps. She said the pandemic has greatly impacted the youth and we must support innovation and creativity regarding pre-college and youth programs.

Vice Chancellor Stewart said, "Once we invest in children and families and we demonstrate that we care about their futures, they will choose us and make us a part of their future. Let's continue to create a pathway for students to find us in higher education and allow us to guide them along a pathway in our great colleges and universities."

Department Award: Pioneers Helping Pioneers Emergency Grant Program – UW-Platteville

Regent Tucker presented the Regent Diversity Award in the program category to Pioneers Helping Pioneers Emergency Grant Program at UW-Platteville. The program provides essential financial assistance to UW-Platteville students in need. In the past two years the program has helped over 3,500 unique students with an average grant of \$1,600 each. Through the leadership of Laura Franklin, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the university was able to help every student who requested financial support.

Regent Tucker said the program also provides food boxes, groceries, gas cards, stress relief activities, and professional development. She noted that the students who received the grants were retained or graduated at rates consistently above 90%.

Laura Franklin accepted the award on behalf of the Pioneers Helping Pioneers Emergency Grant Program. She recognized the hard work and dedication of individuals on campus who prioritize first generation and limited income students.

Laura Franklin said, "We made an institutional commitment from the very inception of the program in 2017 to provide not just financial support but also personalized, comprehensive support as well. We know when someone faces a financial crisis, other areas of life will be impacted as well."

- - -

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO UW-MADISON FOR HOSTING THE FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING

[\[Recording: 02:08:58\]](#)

President Manydeeds called upon Regent Underly to read the resolution of appreciation to UW-Madison for hosting the February 2022 Board of Regents meeting. The resolution was accepted by acclamation.

Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Madison for Hosting the February 2022 Meeting

Resolution 11807 WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Regents are pleased to recognize the University of Wisconsin–Madison as the official host campus for the board’s February 2022 meeting, and are grateful for the generous hospitality extended this month by Chancellor Rebecca Blank and the entire Badger community; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciated hearing Chancellor Blank’s presentation, “UW-Madison is a World-Class University: How Do We Help Keep It That Way?”; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee thanks Provost John Karl Scholz and Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning John Zumbrennen for giving a fuller picture of the many professionals who make student academic success at UW-Madison truly a team effort; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Planning and Budget Committee was grateful to learn more about how UW-Madison is transforming the built environment and devising a comprehensive strategy for future facilities planning; and

WHEREAS, the Business and Finance Committee gained a deeper understanding of the opportunities and challenges for UW-Madison in the area of strategic investments; and

WHEREAS, the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee heard an informative panel discussion highlighting the impact of groundbreaking biotechnology research at UW-Madison, including at University Research Park, an internationally recognized research and technology park supporting early-stage and growth-oriented businesses across a range of sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Board was pleased to tour the current College of Engineering to get a first-hand understanding of the needs related to

UW-Madison's upcoming capital budget request to fund a new Engineering building;

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

- - -

REGENT COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

There were no Regent communications, petitions, or memorials.

- - -

APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN TITLE FOR INTERIM UW SYSTEM PRESIDENT TOMMY THOMPSON

President Manydeeds asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 11808, removing "interim" from UW System President Thompson's title. The motion was made by Regent Petersen, seconded by Regent Rai, and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of a Change in Title for Interim UW System President Tommy Thompson

Resolution 11808 That, upon the recommendation of the Regent President, the Board of Regents approves a change of title for Interim UW System President Tommy Thompson, removing the "interim" designation from his title, effective February 14, 2022 through March 18, 2022.

- - -

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR UW SYSTEM PRESIDENT TOMMY THOMPSON'S SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

[\[Recording: 02:12:03\]](#)

Presented Manydeeds called upon Regent Petersen to present the Board's resolution of appreciation for President Thompson's service to the UW System.

Regent Petersen took time to recognize those who have been a part of President Thompson's time at the UW System. Regent Petersen thanked the Chancellors for their trust and dedication in regard to President Thompson. He then thanked the students for

their trust in getting them back to campus and their dedication to illustrating a culture of responsibility. Then, Regent Petersen thanked UW System staff for their trust in the Board's decision to appoint President Thompson and their dedication that was put forward.

Regent Petersen thanked the Regents for their coming together and making a bipartisan decision in appointing President Thompson. He then recognized President Thompson's family and thanked them for their trust and support.

Finally, Regent Petersen thanked President Thompson for his 60 years of service to the State of Wisconsin. He recognized President Thompson's service as the longest serving Governor of Wisconsin and his work with the Federal Health & Human Services Agency.

Regent Petersen said of President Thompson, "Your service is unrivaled, you're indefinable, you're competitive, you're collegial, you're tireless, you never rest, you never settle, and your history of service is a testament to you and your Elroy roots." He then read aloud the Board's resolution of appreciation, which was adopted by acclamation.

Resolution of Appreciation for UW System President Tommy Thompson's Service to the University of Wisconsin System

Resolution 11809 WHEREAS, Tommy G. Thompson has served with exceptional commitment as Interim President of the University of Wisconsin System since July 2020, carrying out his pledge to be the UW System's biggest advocate and toughest evaluator; and

WHEREAS, Tommy's leadership helped guide the UW System and its campuses through a global pandemic and set the standard for managing during a crisis; and

WHEREAS, Tommy drew on his experience as the U.S. Health and Human Services secretary to lead the fight against COVID-19 in every corner of the state, with the UW System becoming the first public university system in the country to expand its testing capacity to the public in November 2020, resulting in UW campuses providing more than two million COVID tests to date, including half a million for the general public; and

WHEREAS, Tommy launched the successful "Smash COVID!" and Vax Up! "70 for 70" campaigns, vigorously promoting a culture of responsibility and encouraging UW students to get tested and vaccinated against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Tommy leveraged UW expertise, arranging funding and partnerships that allowed more than 1,000 UW nursing and pharmacy students to answer the call to serve on the front lines in health care facilities and vaccination clinics, gaining experience and eligibility for tuition assistance in return; and

WHEREAS, Tommy's top priority has always been our students, and in addition to equipping them with a world-class education, he committed to working with university leadership to provide a safe environment for both students and employees while maximizing in-person instruction, restoring the college experience, and deploying new resources to support emotional and physical well-being during the challenges of a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Tommy raised the profile of public higher education in our state and ensured that it is relevant, not only to students, parents, faculty, and staff whose leadership was entrusted to him, but also to all Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS, under Tommy's leadership, the UW System formulated an operational state budget request that resulted in no reduction to base funding and a modest increase to establish programs to elevate our state, and the UW System's success in the capital budget will enable upgrades and provide the programs necessary to help students succeed now and into the future; and

WHEREAS, during Tommy's tenure, the UW System implemented significant operational changes, such as a systemwide procure-to-pay program that enhances efficiency and accountability in the purchasing process, and in addition, the UW System accelerated the Administrative Transformation Program to modernize enterprise resource functions; and

WHEREAS, guided by his belief that the University of Wisconsin System is among our state's greatest assets, second only to its people, Tommy has worked relentlessly since July 2020 to lead this organization and put the renewed Wisconsin Idea into action to improve the lives of all Wisconsinites;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents commends and thanks Tommy G. Thompson for his accomplished tenure and distinguished service to the citizens of

Wisconsin and to the institutions of the UW System and extends its sincere best wishes in all his future endeavors.

The meeting concluded with a song performed by the University of Wisconsin Marching Band.

- - -

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

- - -

Submitted by:

/s/ _____

Jess Lathrop
Executive Director & Corporate Secretary
Office of the Board of Regents
University of Wisconsin System