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#### **CALLING OF THE ROLL**

- PRESENT: Regents Angela Adams, Robert Atwell, Scott Beightol, Amy Bogost, Héctor Colón, Mike Jones, John Miller, Rodney Pasch, Cris Peterson, Joan Prince, Ashok Rai, Brianna Tucker, Jill Underly, Dana Wachs, Karen Walsh, and Kyle Weatherly
- UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regents Edmund Manydeeds and Jennifer Staton

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### **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS**

Before considering any items on the open session agenda, President Walsh 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."

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No conflicts were declared.

## UW- GREEN BAY: AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE BUDGET OF THE COFRIN TECHNOLOGY & EDUCATION CENTER PROJECT

President Walsh asked Alex Roe, Senior Associate Vice President for Capital Planning and Budget, to present on the capital project request to be considered.

Senior Associate Vice President Roe said as part of the 2021-23 capital budget, the Board of Regents and the legislature approved and enumerated the Cofrin Library replacement project. She said the planning study did not address some of the impacts removal and

reconstruction of the existing building would have on the project budget. Senior Associate Vice President Roe added that the unanticipated high rate of inflation, as well as the underestimated cost per square foot also contribute to the need to request for an increase in the project budget.

Senior Associate Vice President Roe said the Capital Planning & Budget team would be working alongside UW-Green Bay, UW System Government Relations, and the Legislature in order to identify funding sources and options to finish the design and begin construction of the facility.

Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Resolution 12017. The motion was seconded by Regent Prince.

UW-Green Bay Chancellor Michael Alexander explained the significance of the project as the central building on the UW-Green Bay campus. He said the building is the hub of activity on campus.

President Walsh asked how the functionality of the building would change with the project. Chancellor Alexander said the project would help create much more usable and functional space, as currently the building is home to multiple floors of unmovable books and archives, as well as administrative offices.

Regent Rai spoke in favor of the project and change in budget, agreeing with Chancellor Alexander that the building is a centerpoint on campus which is quickly becoming unusable.

President Walsh noted the concern Regents have had over cost escalation and how it will effect projects that have already received Board approval. Senior Associate Vice President Roe provided an update on a UW-River Falls project bid, which came in under budget and allowed pieces of the project which were previously cut to be added back into the plan. Chancellor Alexander noted 30,000 square feet had been removed from the original Cofrin project proposal due to the cost estimate discrepancy.

Resolution 12017 was approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Increase the Budget of the Cofrin Technology & Education Center Project, UW-Green Bay

Resolution 12017 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Green Bay and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes an increase in the budget of the Cofrin Technology & Education Center by \$30,203,000 of General Fund Supported Borrowing for a new project total of \$126,500,000 (\$124,053,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing and \$2,447,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing) and recommends that it be submitted to the Department of Administration for funding consideration.

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### **CLOSED SESSION**

President Walsh read the motion to move into closed session. Upon a motion by Regent Beightol and a second by Regent Wachs, the motion was approved on a roll call vote with Regents Adams, Beightol, Bogost, Colón, Jones, Miller, Pasch, Peterson, Prince, Rai, Tucker, Underly, Wachs, Walsh, and Weatherly all voting in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes and no abstentions.

#### **Closed Session Resolution**

Resolution 12018 That the Board of Regents move into closed session to: a) Consider a recommendation for the appointment of a Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(c) and (e), Wis. Stats.; and b) Consider emeritus status for the UW-Parkside chancellor, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats.

During the closed session, Regent Pasch moved for the adoption of Resolution 12019. The motion was seconded by Regent Jones and approved on a roll call vote with Regents Adams, Atwell, Beightol, Bogost, Colón, Jones, Miller, Pasch, Peterson, Prince, Rai, Tucker, Underly, Wachs, Walsh, and Weatherly all voting in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes or abstentions.

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#### Consider Recommendation for the Appointment of a UW-Platteville Chancellor

Resolution 12019 That, upon the recommendation of the Special Regent Committee for the UW-Platteville Chancellor Search and the President of the UW System, Tammy K. Evetovich be appointed Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, effective April 25, 2023, at an annual salary of \$265,000.

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During the closed session, Vice President Bogost moved for the adoption of Resolution 12020. The motion was seconded by Regent Weatherly and approved on a voice vote.

Consider Emeritus Status for the UW-Parkside Chancellor

Resolution 12020 That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, Deborah L. Ford be granted the status and title of Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, effective June 9, 2023.

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

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Submitted by:

<u>/s/ Megan Wasley</u>

Megan Wasley Executive Director & Corporate Secretary Office of the Board of Regents University of Wisconsin System