

**UW System Board of Regents
Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday July 6, 2023**

Education Committee

Proceedings of the Education Committee Meeting. The Education Committee convened from 8:45 to 10:15 in person and via Zoom videoconference. Committee members in attendance were: Regents Weatherly, Prince (via Zoom), Brenkus, Miller, Tyler, Wachs, Manydeeds, and Underly. No Regent declared a conflict of interest regarding any of the items listed on the meeting agenda.

Item C. Proposed Consent Agenda: Given the number of agenda items to be covered during the meeting, the Chair requested a motion to move the following routine, non-controversial items to a consent agenda. Note: Items on a consent agenda may be acted upon by the committee in a single vote. Any Board Member may remove items from a consent agenda for separate discussion and consideration. The meeting agenda reflected the following three items on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of the June 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes of the Education Committee
2. UW-Eau Claire: Approval of a Master of Science in Exercise Physiology
3. UW Oshkosh: Approval of a Bachelor of Science in Automation Engineering

All items remained on the consent agenda. A motion to approve item C was made by Regent Wachs and seconded by Regent Tyler. The motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Approval of Modification of the UW System Undergraduate Application Fee Structure. Associate Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success Julie Amon presented the resolution, which maintains the current application fee of \$0 for new undergraduate admission. After three free applications, subsequent applications will incur a \$25 fee. UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse, and UW-Madison will continue to charge undergraduate applicants their current fees of \$25, \$25, and \$70, respectively. All institutions can still waive application fees for students who meet the conditions of financial hardship. A motion to approve was made by Regent Wachs and seconded by Regent Miller. The motion passed unanimously.

Item E: Host Presentation By UW-La Crosse: “Imagine-ing Radiological Science – Undergraduate Health Profession Careers

UW-Lacrosse Provost Betsy Morgan, Radiation Therapy Program Director Melissa Weege, Nuclear Medicine Program Director Angela Weiler and students from the programs focused on UWL’s programs associated with radiologic science including Radiation Therapy and Nuclear Medicine Technology delivered the presentation.

Regent Miller asked about how many students participate in the program and Regent Manydeeds asked about career pathways. Ms. Weege responded that they have had 29 participants and students complete in four years, offering a 3+1 program with clinicals. Provost Morgan added that limits are set based on clinical sites. Regent Prince congratulated the presenters on the high rate of students passing certifications and asked about waitlists. Ms. Weege responded that the program is somewhat competitive, so adding more programs would allow more opportunities for students.

UW System Strategic Plan Implementation: Campus-Level Experience and Examples

UW-Platteville Interim Provost Wayne Weber facilitated campus panels to discuss the processes, strategies, and initiatives on their campuses aligned with the UW System Strategic Plan. Panelists included Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Billy Felz, Interim Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management (UW-Eau Claire), David Travis, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Laura King, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Strategic Enrollment (UW-River Falls), Kristen Plessel, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Jackie Briggs, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment and Retention (UW-Whitewater).

In response to the presentation, Regent Tyler asked how campuses might respond to the “NorthStar Promise” and the competition for Minnesota students. Vice Chancellor King responded that it will be a challenge for a border campus, and Vice Chancellor Felz stated that using data analytics to target scholarship offerings may help. Regent Manydeeds asked about dual enrollment and the kinds of needed student support. Vice Chancellor Briggs stated that data has also helped campuses challenge assumptions about student needs and be more proactive. Regent Wachs asked about undergraduate research. Provost Weber stated that it is not only a high impact practice, students also bring important new perspectives. Vice President Britz asked about direct admissions. Vice Chancellor Felz stated that UW-Eau Claire has both a selective campus and open access branch campuses, so it might function differently. UW-Green Bay Provost Kate Burns stated they think about not just our own college experience, but the barriers that exist for new students in the application process. Provost Travis stated that dual enrollment can help information breakthrough for students to understand the college experience, and Provost Glendalí Rodríguez (UW-Stout) noted how much information students get and to also consider adult learners and working professionals.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.