

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

Friday, July 7, 2023
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-President Walsh presiding-

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CALLING OF THE ROLL

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PRESENT: Regents Robert Atwell, Amy Bogost, Evan Brenkus, Héctor Colón, Mike Jones, Jim Kreuser, Edmund Manydeeds, John Miller, Cris Peterson, Joan Prince (virtual), Ashok Rai, Jennifer Staton (virtual), Mark Tyler, Jill Underly, Dana Wachs, Karen Walsh, and Kyle Weatherly

Regent Wachs joined the meeting at 8:46 a.m. after the roll call.

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regent Angela Adams

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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."

To avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, Regent Miller recused himself from voting on Resolution 12054, "UW System Service Agreements with Avaap U.S.A., LLC and Strata Information Group, Inc."

To avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, Regent Atwell recused himself from voting on Resolution 12065, "Authority to Increase the Budget of the Chemistry Addition and Renovation, UW-Madison."

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 00:01:31\]](#)

President Walsh called upon Regent Miller to present a report of the Audit Committee.

Regent Miller said the Audit Committee heard a report from Lori Stortz, Chief Audit Executive, on the progress to date on the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Plan. Ms. Stortz said she anticipates bringing more audit reports to the committee in October.

Regent Miller reported Ms. Stortz provided a high-level summary of the results of audits recently issued by the Office of Internal Audit, which included executive summaries of the Child Care Centers, Controlled Substances in Research, Research Integrity, and Working in Isolation audits, as well as the Payroll Bi-Annual audit report. Regent Miller said the Audit Committee asked for the audit of child care centers across the UW System to be put on a regular auditing schedule. The committee also noted a need for further oversight and controls in place and the System-level. Ms. Stortz said the implementation of the ATP system is anticipated to help alleviate some of the comments that Internal Audit noted in their reports.

Ms. Stortz presented a summary of the Integrity Hotline activity for July 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 and discussed the progress on closing audit comments. She stated that management continues to work diligently to address the audit comments and the audit team works to ensure steps are taken to closure.

Regent Miller said the Audit Committee heard a report from Ms. Stortz which included a brief discussion on internal control and fraud training and the Global Internal Audit Standards.

Regent Miller said Paige Smith, Chief Compliance Officer, presented an overview of the Risk, Compliance, Audit Pilot Program to the Audit Committee. He said Prencia Clifton, Director of Youth Protection and Compliance, updated the Audit Committee on the progress of the implementation of SYS 625, "Youth Protection and Data Collection" policy. The Audit Committee asked for updates on both subjects in the future.

Regent Miller said the Audit Committee heard a presentation with an update on Clearing Accounts from Julie Gordon, Senior Associate Vice President for Finance, and Mark Haakenson, UW-La Crosse Controller, as a follow-up to the Audit Committee's March 2023 meeting.

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

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

Regent Rai reported the Business & Finance Committee approved the UW System Status Report on Large or High-Risk Information Technology Projects. He said the report details ten major projects across the system, two of which were completed under budget since the February update.

Regent Rai said the Business & Finance Committee approved an amendment to UW System's agreement with Huron Consulting Group to increase the number of hours of professional services necessary to support the software implementation for ATP. He said the committee approved an amendment to UW System's agreement with Workday, which provides the enterprise resource planning software for ATP. This amendment will add three new modules to provide critical functionality sought by the HR governance committee.

Regent Rai reported the Business & Finance Committee approved agreements with Avaap USA and Strata Information Group, to provide additional staff augmentation to ATP. He said the contracts do not add unbudgeted costs to the project, but offer UW System two additional vendors from which to add supplemental staff to support software implementation, which is necessary by the challenge in finding available talent.

Regent Rai said the Business & Finance Committee then heard an informational update on the FY24 Annual Operating Budget for UW System from Sean Nelson, UW System Vice President for Finance and Administration. Vice President Nelson said the UW System budget is informed by the provisions of the state budget bill, which include a \$32 million GPR reduction being held for release upon approval of the Joint Finance Committee; \$21 million in cost-to-continue funding for prior year pay plan and fringe benefit expenses; and pay plan increases of 4% and 2% respectively over the next two years. Regent Rai noted the state budget bill was signed earlier in the week and that Board approval of the UW's annual budget will be deferred for Board consideration at a future meeting.

Regent Rai said UW System's Office of Trust Funds shared an update on the 403(b) Supplemental Retirement Program, which offers UW employees a voluntary, tax-advantaged savings plan for retirement.

Lastly, Regent Rai said the Business & Finance Committee received the Cost-Benefit Analysis of Foundations and Associated Affiliated Organizations Report for fiscal year 2021-22. He said the report notes that 80 foundations and affiliated organizations supported the missions of UW System institutions during that period and the universities received a total of nearly \$380 million, while providing \$11.6 million in administrative support to the organizations.

Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12051, 12052, and 12053. The motion was seconded by Regent Kreuser and approved on a voice vote.

Regent Rai then moved separately for the adoption of Resolution 12054. The motion was seconded by Regent Jones and approved on a voice vote, with Regent Miller abstaining to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

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

Resolution 12051 That, upon the recommendation of 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 July 6, 2023; 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 Amendment to Service Agreement with Huron Consulting Group, Inc.

Resolution 12052 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.

UW System Amendment to Software as a Service Agreement with Workday, Inc.

Resolution 12053 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 and Workday, Inc.

UW System Service Agreements with Avaap U.S.A., LLC and Strata Information Group, Inc.

Resolution 12054 That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual agreements between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UWSA, and Avaap U.S.A. LLC, and Strata Information Group, Inc. for a four (4) year term.

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REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 00:10:43\]](#)

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

Regent Weatherly reported the Education Committee approved one UW-Eau Claire degree program and one UW Oshkosh degree program as part of its consent agenda.

Regent Weatherly reported the Education Committee approved a modification of the UW System undergraduate application fee structure. He said the modification will maintain the current application fee of \$0 at ten of the 13 institutions, and after three free applications any 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. Regent Weatherly noted that all institutions can still waive application fees for students who meet the conditions of financial hardship.

Regent Weatherly said the Education Committee heard a host campus presentation by Betsy Morgan, UW-La Crosse Provost; Melissa Weege, UW-La Crosse Radiation Therapy Program Director; Angela Weiler, UW-La Crosse Nuclear Medicine Program Director; and students from the programs focused on UWL's programs associated with radiologic science including Radiation Therapy and Nuclear Medicine Technology. The presentation included a short video and discussions with students regarding why they chose their field of study, and why the field is a strong choice for students interested in an undergraduate health profession career.

Regent Weatherly reported the Education Committee discussed strategic plan implementation at the campus level. He said the committee heard from UW-Eau Claire, UW-River Falls, and UW-Whitewater panelists who provided examples of how the nine strategic priorities identified in UW System plan apply and align with their unique contexts; how campuses work with UW System and collaborate with campus partners; and future strategic priorities, promising initiatives, and potential impacts.

Regent Weatherly moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12055, 12056, and 12057. The motion was seconded by Regent Rai and approved on a voice vote.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Exercise Physiology, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Resolution 12055 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science Degree Program in Exercise Physiology at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Automation Engineering, UW Oshkosh

Resolution 12056 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Automation Engineering program at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Modification of UW System Undergraduate Application Fee Structure

Resolution 12057 That, upon recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves a proposed request to modify the application fee of \$0 for all undergraduate admission to UW universities, excepting UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse, and UW-Madison. The modification will be to assess a \$25 fee for each application submitted after three free applications for those universities not otherwise assessing a fee.

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

[\[Recording: 00:13:31\]](#)

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

Regent Wachs reported the consent agenda was approved by the Capital Planning & Budget Committee and included a UW-Madison request to sell a sliver of vacant land adjacent to the road right-of-way and part of the Wisconsin Energy Institute to the City of Madison for construction of the Bus Rapid Transit system; a UW System request to construct ten various all agency maintenance and repair projects at UW-La Crosse, UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, UW Oshkosh, UW-Parkside, UW-River Falls, and UW-Whitewater; and a UW System request to construct two minor facilities renewal projects at UW-Madison.

Regent Wachs said the Capital Planning & Budget Committee approved a UW-Madison request to increase the budget for the construction of the Chemistry Building's Second and Fourth Floor Lab Renovation project for an estimated total project cost of \$12,952,000 Gift/Grant Funds. The project was originally approved with a budget of \$10,952,000 by the Board in March. However, due to cost escalation increases based on lead times and labor shortages, the project has a shortfall of \$2 million.

Regent Wachs said the Capital Planning & Budget Committee approved a UW-Madison request to design and construct the Engineering Hall Sprinkler Piping and Gas Distribution Piping Phase II project for an estimated total project cost of \$10,000,000 Gift/Grant Funds. The project is Phase 2 of a two-phase project that seeks to design and construct a fire suppression system and gas distribution piping system in Engineering Hall.

Regent Wachs reported the Capital Planning & Budget Committee approved an increase to the budget of the UW-Madison Chemistry Addition and Renovation project by \$7,400,000 of residual General Fund Supported Borrowing for a revised estimated total project cost of \$140,500,000. The project demolished an obsolete building, constructed a new ten-level, undergraduate chemistry teaching tower, and replaced critical HVAC and exhaust systems serving the existing research and teaching labs in the Daniels and Mathews chemistry buildings. As a result of a significant mechanical system failure, upgrades were required to the smoke control system of the new tower. The upgrades are necessary to ensure code compliance and safety during building egress in the event of a fire. Additional upgrades were necessary to ensure exhaust safely moved out of the research labs.

Regent Wachs reported the Capital Planning & Budget Committee approved a UW-Madison request to increase the budget of the Veterinary Medicine Addition and Renovation project by \$24,000,000 for a revised estimated total project cost of \$152,103,000. The project constructs a new three-story building and will provide space for the small animal clinic and connect it to the existing clinic; construct new research, animal biosafety level 3, and biosafety level 2 and 3 laboratories; and include new offices, conference rooms, and shared collaboration/interaction spaces to support the teaching hospital. The scope for the project has been revised to include an upgrade to an existing BSL-3 lab for a new researcher. In order to accomplish this, rework the mechanical systems to meet the need for specialized research, and address additional project expenses due to unprecedented increases in

materials costs, supply-chain disruptions, and an increasingly tight labor market over the last year, a total budget increase of \$24,000,000 is needed. \$10 million of residual General Fund Supported Borrowing and \$14 million of gifts and grants will fund the additional costs.

Regent Wachs reported the Department of Administration is working with the Department of Justice to investigate the situations related to the UW-Madison Chemistry Addition and Renovation project and the UW-Madison Veterinary Medicine Addition and Renovation project and put together a plan for seeking re-enumeration from the various contractual parties. He indicated that updates will be provided by System staff as plans or information become available.

Lastly, Regent Wachs said the Capital Planning & Budget Committee approved a UW-Madison request to increase the project budget of UW-Madison's College of Letters and Science Academic Building (Levy Hall) by \$27,550,000 cash and construct the project for a revised estimated total project cost of \$115,991,000. The project creates a new unified home for the Department of History and nine other ethnic studies departments, programs, and centers within the College of Letters and Sciences by consolidating and co-locating spaces currently spread across eight facilities.

Regent Wachs moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12058, 12059, 12060, 12061, 12062, 12063, and 12064. The motion was seconded by Regent Jones and approved on a voice vote.

Regent Wachs then moved separately for the adoption of Resolution 12065. The motion was seconded by Regent Jones and approved on a voice vote, with Regent Atwell abstaining to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Authority to Sell 1,067 Square Feet of Property Containing Part of the Wisconsin Energy Institute to the City of Madison, UW-Madison

Resolution 12058 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approve the sale of 1,067 SF of vacant land adjacent to the road right-of-way and part of the Wisconsin Energy Institute to the City of Madison for construction of the Bus Rapid Transit system.

Authority to Construct All Agency Maintenance and Repair Projects, UW System

Resolution 12059 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to construct various maintenance and repair projects at an estimated total cost of

\$21,300,400 (\$9,644,900 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing; \$11,555,500 Cash; and \$100,000 Gifts/Grants).

Authority to Construct Minor Facilities Renewal Projects, UW System

Resolution 12060 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to construct various minor facilities renewal projects at an estimated total cost of \$8,813,000 (\$7,399,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing and \$1,414,000 Cash).

Authority to Increase the Budget for the UW Managed Chemistry Second and Fourth Floor Lab Renovation, UW-Madison

Resolution 12061 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes an increase in the budget for the construction of the Chemistry Second and Fourth Floor Lab Renovation project for an estimated total project cost of \$12,952,000 Gift/Grant Funds.

Authority to Design and Construct the UW Managed Engineering Hall Sprinkler Piping and Gas Distribution Piping Phase II, UW-Madison

Resolution 12062 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 design and construction of the Engineering Hall Sprinkler Piping and Gas Distribution Piping Phase II project for an estimated total project cost of \$10,000,000 Gift/Grant Funds.

Authority to Increase the Budget of the Veterinary Medicine Addition and Renovation, UW-Madison

Resolution 12063 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes an increase to the budget of the Veterinary Medicine Addition and Renovation project by \$24,000,000 (\$10,000,000 EX-GFSB and \$14,000,000 PR-CASH) for a revised estimated total project cost of \$152,103,000 (\$90,103,000 GFSB, \$10,000,000 EX-GFSB, \$14,000,000 PR-CASH, and \$38,000,000 GIFTS).

Authority to Increase the Budget and Construct the College of Letters and Science Academic Building, UW-Madison

Resolution 12064 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes a \$27,550,000 increase to the budget and construction of the College of Letters and Science Academic Building project for a revised estimated total project cost of \$115,991,000 (\$60,363,000 GFSB, \$20,628,000 CASH, and \$35,000,000 Gift/Grant Funds).

Authority to Increase the Budget of the Chemistry Addition and Renovation, UW-Madison

Resolution 12065 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes an increase to the budget of the Chemistry Addition and Renovation project by \$7,400,000 for a revised estimated total project cost of \$140,500,000 (\$91,200,000 GFSB, \$7,400,000 EX-GFSB, \$16,072,000 PR-CASH, and \$25,828,000 GIFTS).

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PRESENTATION: ACADEMIC PROGRAM ARRAY MANAGEMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE UW SYSTEM STRATEGIC PLAN

[\[Recording: 00:22:48\]](#)

President Walsh invited Tracy Davidson, UW System Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs to lead a discussion on academic and program planning at both the UW System level and campus level. She noted the panel presentation was a follow-up to a presentation made to the Education Committee at the March 2023 Board of Regents meeting.

Johannes Britz, Interim Senior Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs, said program array management is part of the UW System's strategic plan to promote innovation and collaboration and to meet the needs of Wisconsin's current and future workforce.

Associate Vice President Davidson presented on the current processes for academic degree program planning and actions that can be taken to manage program array, which are defined in UW System Administrative Policy 102 (SYS 102).

Associate Vice President Davidson highlighted how the more significant growth of new programs in areas like health professions, computer and information sciences, and engineering, for example, reflect high workforce demand. She said in the period 2018–2022, about 170 new programs were approved systemwide, primarily in three main areas: directly meeting workforce demand; changing accreditation requirements; or elevation of an existing concentration or minor to a major. In the same time period, about 70 programs

were suspended or eliminated, about 45 curricula were redirected to better fit demand; and about 80 programs had changes in delivery modality.

Associate Vice President Davidson introduced Dr. Kate Burns, UW-Green Bay Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, who moderated the panel which included Dr. Rob Ducoffe, UW-Parkside Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dr. David Travis, UW-River Falls Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dr. Glendalí Rodríguez, UW-Stout Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; and Dr. Maria Cuzzo, UW-Superior Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The panelists shared how program array planning is implemented on the campus level, including examples of programs that have been approved, eliminated, or redirected. They also discussed improvements to the current planning process that would streamline the process for universities and allow for more responsiveness to changing student and workforce needs.

Provost Cuzzo presented on how UW institutions hold their programs accountable for performance indicators. She said a number of indicators are tracked when assessing a program, including, for example, the number of degrees awarded; number of students enrolled in a major; average credits to degree; average class size; and the four- and six-year graduation rates.

Provost Ducoffe and Provost Rodríguez shared programs at each of their respective universities and how they benefit from partnerships.

Provost Travis described ongoing changes to UW System's Administrative Policy 102, which governs program planning, delivery, review, and reporting, to make that process more nimble, data-driven, and designed to encourage collaboration between universities.

Regent Rai requested an annual review of programs added, paused, or eliminated in order to track progress made towards support workforce development.

Regent Atwell asked about staffing implications when a program is eliminated. Provost Travis said the staff could be relocated to another program. Provost Cuzzo added that if a program ends, it could also mean termination. She stressed the seriousness of the decision to terminate programs due to the severe implications possible.

Responding to a question from Regent Wachs, Provost Travis said program duplication can aid in recruitment, and can also be helpful to retention if a student changes programs but does not want to relocate to another campus.

Regent Jones expressed his appreciation for the detailed description of the due diligence involved in the program array process.

President Walsh asked for clarification on the timeline for program approval. Provost Rodríguez said the average time for approval is one year.

Regent Tyler asked where the idea for a new program originates from and how it is ensured that the program is going to fulfill employer needs. Provost Rodríguez said collaborative discussions happen within committees comprised of employers and faculty. Provost Ducoffe said it is helpful to scan the environment for market potential of new program ideas.

Regent Weatherly shared that a dashboard is being created in order to track programs that are added, suspended, or eliminated. He said this would be added to the Education Committee agenda each meeting to better track program modifications.

President Walsh noted the value of the presentation and the insight it provides into what work goes into a program before it is presented as an option to students.

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PRESENTATION: UPDATE ON TELE-MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICES

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President Walsh said the Board would hear an update on the implementation of tele-mental health and wellbeing services at UW universities over the course of the 2022-23 academic year. She noted the services have been made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocated by Governor Evers.

President Walsh invited Dr. John Achter, UW System Senior Director of Student Success & Wellbeing, to present to the Board. Dr. Achter was joined by Dr. Renee Kirby, UW-Parkside Director of Student Health, Counseling, & Accessibility Services; and Dr. Riley McGrath, UW-Eau Claire Director of Counseling Services.

Dr. Achter said that after discussion with stakeholders three gaps in existing services were identified which needed to be filled to better address the mental health needs presented by students: 24/7 support and crisis services, to support students during off hours and on weekends when on-campus professionals are not available; an online mental health and wellbeing portal, to help students with tools, skills, and referrals to manage their academic

and personal lives in support of their mental health and wellbeing; and telecounseling and telepsychiatry services, to provide a relief valve to over-burdened campus services and serve additional students who might not otherwise have access to services on campus.

Dr. Achter said additional tele-mental health and wellbeing services were rolled out during the course of the past year at all universities except UW-Madison, which has its own contract with a telehealth vendor. Mantra Health is now the coordinating vendor for the other 12 universities.

Dr. Achter reported that the numbers of students accessing the new services have been relatively modest to date, but most services began in late 2022 or early 2023. He said it is expected that utilization numbers will rise for all three services as campuses promote them during summer registration and new student orientation.

Dr. Kirby and Dr. McGrath shared their perspective on how the services have augmented services on their campuses, with a focus on some specific issues stakeholders hope this contract will address. Dr. Kirby expressed the importance of the availability of the services offered. She said Mantra helps to act as a supplemental resource to the care available to students on campus. Both Dr. Kirby and Dr. McGrath agreed that Mantra assisted in decreasing wait times for students to obtain care.

Dr. Achter said the value and impact of the services will be closely monitored and assessed to help determine what action should be taken in 2025 when the ARPA funding expires. He said most campus-based services are funded through health fees charged to all students, but alternate funding sources may need to be explored so that under-resourced campuses can continue offering the level of care currently provided, while helping all campuses serve the students who want to utilize the resources to improve their mental health and wellbeing.

Regent Peterson said she was impressed by the timely and excellent response to the mental health crisis that has become more apparent in the last five years.

Vice President Bogost asked if there had been feedback expressing a desire for more in-person options, rather than the online option Mantra offers. Dr. McGrath said he had not received any complaints as to the delivery mode of the mental health services. Additionally, Vice President Bogost asked if there was any plan to get therapists licensed to practice online and outside of the state of Wisconsin. Dr. Achter said there are currently national movements happening to loosen licensure laws and allow more cross-state practice. He said the need for mental health care in the state of Wisconsin continues to increase.

Regent Rai asked if Mantra is able to connect with campus case management regarding further student healthcare needs, including prescription services. Dr. McGrath said each campus has their own agreement and protocol with Mantra to connect students to on campus services as needed and Dr. Achter confirmed prescription services are available. Regent Rai asked if residence hall directors have been briefed on how to share Mantra services with students. Dr. McGrath said there are planned tutorials for fall of 2023 to share the information with residence hall directors.

President Walsh asked if there was a question on the feedback form in order to determine where students heard about the mental healthcare service they utilized. Dr. Achter said he would follow up for the specific questions included on the questionnaire.

Regent Rai noted that privacy issues within a shared home could be an issue when utilizing tele-health services. Dr. Kirby said space on campus is available to utilize for tele-health appointments. Dr. McGrath said some students reserve study rooms to use for their appointments.

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR REGENT EMERITUS RODNEY PASCH'S SERVICE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

[\[Recording: 01:52:52\]](#)

President Walsh called upon Regent Cris Peterson to introduce the resolution of appreciation for Regent Rodney Pasch's service on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents.

Regent Peterson said Regent Emeritus Pasch was a dedicated and thoughtful member of the Board throughout his service. She expressed appreciation for his insight during their service together on the Special Regent Committee for the UW-Platteville Chancellor Search.

Regent Peterson then read aloud the Board's resolution of appreciation, which was adopted by acclamation.

Regent Emeritus Pasch said he would not be where he is today without the education he received from the UW System. He said he was honored to have served on the Board of Regents and will continue to follow their efforts going forward. Encouraging the Board to focus on student learning and remove the barriers in policy processes and procedures, Regent Emeritus Pasch said, "If you have the will and the strength of leadership to make those changes, turn around and you'll see that the line of students seeking to get in will be endless."

Resolution of Appreciation for Regent Emeritus Rodney Pasch's Service on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents

Resolution 12066 WHEREAS, Rodney Pasch has dedicated two years of exemplary service as a Regent of the University of Wisconsin System, from July 2021 through May 2023, as the President of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board; and

WHEREAS, Rodney has worked to enhance the partnership of these two nationally recognized public higher education systems, both of which are critical to developing a highly skilled, 21st-century workforce for the state; and

WHEREAS, Rodney was equally passionate about keeping UW's high-quality education affordable for students; and

WHEREAS, Rodney served as a thoughtful member of multiple committees, including the Education Committee, the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee, and the Capital Planning and Budget Committee; and

WHEREAS, Rodney helped to honor and reward educators across the UW System for their work supporting student success through his service on the Academic Staff Excellence Awards Committee; and

WHEREAS, Rodney, who grew up on a Wisconsin dairy farm, earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Industrial Technology from UW-Platteville and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from UW-Madison, and his teaching experience includes teaching graduate courses in architectural design and industrial materials at UW-Platteville; and

WHEREAS, Rodney helped to select new campus leadership for his alma mater as a member of the UW-Platteville chancellor search committee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby commends Rodney Pasch for his service to the UW System and outstanding commitment to education in Wisconsin.

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO UW-LA CROSSE FOR HOSTING THE JULY 2023 MEETING

[\[Recording: 02:05:18\]](#)

President Walsh called upon Regent Manydeeds to read the resolution of appreciation to UW-La Crosse for hosting the July 2023 Board of Regents meeting. The resolution was approved by acclamation.

Resolution of Appreciation to UW-La Crosse for Hosting the July 2023 Meeting

Resolution 12067 WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Regents are pleased to recognize the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse as the official host campus for the Board’s July 2023 meeting, and are grateful for the generous hospitality extended this month by Chancellor Joe Gow and the entire Eagle community; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciated hearing Chancellor Gow’s presentation about the keys to UWL’s success – great partnerships and extraordinary people; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee thanks Provost Betsy Morgan for leading a presentation about the university’s efforts related to in-demand health profession careers; and

WHEREAS, the Board learned more about how the university has expanded its community engagement, resulting in great workforce preparation for UWL students, as well as community access to expertise in areas from business management to scientific research; and

WHEREAS, UW-La Crosse – in recognition of its efforts – earned the American Association of State Colleges and Universities’ 2022 Excellence & Innovation Award for Civic Learning and Community Engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Board commends the broad business support of the Prairie Springs Science Center and congratulates the women’s and men’s indoor track and field teams, which both won the NCAA Division III championship meets — making it the first time in NCAA history that a single school has won both of these national titles; and

WHEREAS, the Board was delighted to gather at the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center for a reception hosted by the campus;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby thanks UW-La Crosse for its informative presentations, collaborative spirit, and many continued contributions to the UW System and to the state of Wisconsin.

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REGENT COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND MEMORIALS

[\[Recording: 02:08:52\]](#)

Vice President Bogost shared a news story about a new study led by UW-Madison researchers at the IceCube Neutrino Observatory which has produced, for the first time, an image of the Milky Way using neutrinos. The discovery is a step towards scientists being better able to use particles to study hidden or elusive phenomena in the universe, rather than having to rely on light seen by telescopes. The team is led by UW-Madison professor Francis Halzen and consists of 350 people from 58 institutions worldwide, all led by UW-Madison. She congratulated Chancellor Mnookin and the entire UW-Madison community.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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