

**UW System Board of Regents
Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 8, 2023**

Proceedings of the Education Committee Meeting. The Education Committee convened in person from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Committee members in attendance were: Regents Weatherly, Prince, Brenkus, Miller, Tyler, Wachs, and Underly. No Regent declared a conflict of interest regarding any of the items listed on the meeting agenda.

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 eight items on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of the March 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes of the Education Committee
2. Approval of the Annual Request for Funding from the Vilas Trust Fund for UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee
3. UW-Eau Claire: Approval of a Master of Public Health in Public Health
4. UW-Madison: Approval of a Master of Science in Business: Accounting and Business Analysis
5. UW-Madison: Approval of a Master of Business Administration in Business: Executive
6. UW-Madison: Approval of a Bachelor of Science in Animal and Veterinary Biosciences
7. UW-Milwaukee: Approval of a Master of Science in Rehabilitation Science and Technology
8. UW-Stout: Approval of a Bachelor of Science in Automation Leadership

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

Item D. Approval of the 2023 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status

Regent Weatherly introduced the report, and congratulated that more than 400 faculty members recommended for tenure. A motion to approve item was made by Regent Underly and seconded by Regent Miller. The motion passed unanimously.

Item E. Host Presentation by UW-Milwaukee: Data-Driven Collaborations for Student Success

UW-Milwaukee presenters Kay Eilers, Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, Dave Clark, Vice Provost for Student Success, and Phyllis King, Associate Vice Chancellor and Executive Director of Moon Shot for Equity shared how UW-Milwaukee uses data reporting and analysis structures that are aligned with recruitment, retention, and graduation.

In response to the presentation, Regent Prince asked about the “first year forward” effort to reengage students. Mr. Clark discussed communication and additional strategies to leverage high-impact practices for students, such as to take advantage of tutoring, and Ms. Eilers added that students also may face non-academic challenges. Regent Prince also thanked presenters, and suggested a focus on evaluating the impact of efforts on student GPA.

Item F: UW System Office of Academic and Student Affairs: The Year in Review and the Year Ahead

Vice President Johannes Britz facilitated a discussion with provosts, UW System staff, and campus leaders reviewing the collective work of the Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA) during the 2022-23 year, and a look ahead to the 2023-24 year to identify goals and priorities. VP Britz thanked chancellors, provosts, regents, student affairs and enrollment professionals for their collaborative work during the year.

He then described the context and overarching leadership framework, values, and strategic vision for initiatives generally and explained internationalization specifically. Provosts Glendalí Rodríguez (UW-Stout) and John Koker (UW Oshkosh) along with UW System Special Assistant Steven Schmid provided an update on the online strategic growth task force. John Achter, UW System Interim Associate Vice President for Enrollment & Student Success described direct admissions, and Tracy Davidson, UW System Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs provided an update on dual enrollment. Ben Passmore, UW System Associate Vice President for Policy Analysis and Research shared data on workforce analytics and connections.

In response to the presentation, Regent Weatherly encouraged regents to see a written update on initiatives from the year included in the meeting materials, and stated that it is a practice he hopes to continue in the next year to provide updates on topics raised at the Committee.

Regent Prince asked about internationalization as a “two way” street, for domestic students to study abroad. VP Britz cited the value of cultural competency and the opportunity of the Hessen Exchange program. Provost Cuzzo stated the barrier that student financial capacity poses to study abroad participation but is an opportunity for campuses. VP cited as an

example of future recruitment potential that only 51 students from Mexico are in the UW System, despite large migrant populations in the state.

Regent Underly asked about a future update for ACT/SAT waiver policy. AVP Achter responded that the waiver is in place through Spring, 2025 but that it is a planned update for October. Provost Ducoffe asked about the latest data on the predictive ability of test scores on future student success. AVP Ben Passmore responded that the STAR lab at UW-Madison is looking at this question, and that their data does show a small correlation with success, but also creates a barrier and is less predictive than a student's high school record. Regent Weatherly asked if the predictive value depended on the rigor of the university. AVP Passmore stated that is not the case, but it is complicated based on the type of student who tends to apply to highly selective schools.

Regent Weatherly then thanked presenters, and thanked presenters from the different topics that came to the Education Committee from the past year including direct admissions, students with disabilities, international students, dual enrollment, and academic program planning.

He also stated an intent to reach out to new Committee members about future discussion topics. Regent Weatherly thanked interim UW-Milwaukee Provost Scott Gronert and Associate Vice President for Enrollment & Student Success John Achter for their service, and congratulated UW Oshkosh Provost John Koker on his upcoming retirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.