

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

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CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Edmund Manydeeds

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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 Prince and Regent Adams each recused themselves from voting on Resolution 12034, "UW-Milwaukee Contractual Agreement with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Northwestern Mutual Life Foundation, Inc., and Marquette University."

To avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, Regent Weatherly recused himself from participating in the panel discussion: “UWM Entrepreneurs – Building Milwaukee’s Innovation Economy.”

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

[\[Recording: 00:01:58\]](#)

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

Regent Wachs said the Capital Planning & Budget Committee heard a presentation Senior Vice Chancellor Robin Van Harpen and Associate Vice Chancellor Melissa Spadanuda, “Capital Planning and Progress: Supporting Student Success and Research Excellence”, which highlighted UW-Milwaukee’s overall strategy in tackling capital planning needs, emphasizing the continued need to repair, renovate, and update facilities that are at end of life, to support the needs of the students and researchers of today and beyond.

Regent Wachs reported the consent agenda was approved by the Capital Planning & Budget Committee and included a UW-Madison request to accept ownership of two greenhouses and a headhouse constructed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at the Arlington Research Station (ARS).

Regent Wachs reported the Capital Planning & Budget Committee approved UW-Madison’s request to enter into a lease to accommodate the College of Engineering’s desire to support the transformative technology of self-driving vehicles, also known as Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAV) research.

Regent Wachs reported the Capital Planning & Budget Committee reviewed and approved UW System’s request to amend Regent Policy Document (RPD) 13-2, “Real Property Contracts: Signature Authority and Approval.” The proposal amends and renames Regent Policy Document 13-2 to align with 36.11(1)(b), Wis. Stats. that specifies all purchases of real property shall be subject to the approval of the building commission. The proposed policy also permits chancellors to further delegate contract signature authority to an institution’s chief business officer to sign leases of real property to be occupied by the Board or to sign documents accepting gifts, grants, and bequests of real property within approved campus boundaries.

Regent Wachs said the Capital Planning & Budget Committee also approved UW System's request for authority to amend Regent Policy Document (RPD) 19-15, "Physical Development Principles," to modify policy provisions related to sustainable design and the stewardship of energy and other sustainable systems.

Regent Wachs said the Capital Planning & Budget Committee heard a semi-annual update on leasing and the UW Managed Program. Pat Rebholz, Director of the UW Managed Program gave an update on the program's progress and provided a presentation some of the more recent projects, including the new UW-Madison Computer Data, and Information Sciences building. Currently, the total value of the program is \$614,290,868 with 54 active projects.

Lastly, Regent Wachs said Senior Associate Vice President Roe provided an update on UW-Superior's P3 progress.

Regent Wachs moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12028, 12029, 12030, and 12031. The motion was seconded by Regent Tyler and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Accept Ownership of USDA Greenhouses Located at the Arlington Research Station, UW-Madison

Resolution 12028 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes acceptance of ownership of two greenhouses and a headhouse located at the Arlington Research Station.

Authority to Enter into a Lease for the College of Engineering, UW-Madison

Resolution 12029 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to enter into a lease of approximately 7,679 square feet located in Fitchburg, Wisconsin.

Regent Policy Document Review: RPD 13-2, "Real Property Contracts: Signature Authority and Approval"

Resolution 12030 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the UW System Board of Regents amends Regent Policy Document (RPD) 13-2, "Real Property Contracts: Signature Authority and Approval".

Regent Policy Document Review: RPD 19-15, "Physical Development Principles"

Resolution 12031 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the Board of Regents amends Regent Policy Document 19-15, "Physical Development Principles" to modify policy provisions related to Sustainable design and the stewardship of energy and other sustainable systems.

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

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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.

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 IT Bi-monthly Compliance Audit, Purchasing Card Bi-Annual Audit, and Internal Assessment of the Office of Internal Audit.

Regent Miller said the Audit Committee was presented the proposed fiscal year 2024 by Ms. Stortz, which was unanimously approved. The plan includes a detailed estimate of hours of Internal Audit Staff for the University Staff per audit. Ms. Stortz reaffirmed the independent statement of the Office of internal Audit.

Regent Miller said Paige Smith, Chief Audit Executive, and Angela Ryan, Director of Risk Management, presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Plan for the Office of Risk Management to the Audit Committee. The Annual Plan provides a high-level overview of the Office of Risk Management and how it has and continues to serve the UW System and its universities in their compliance, ethics, and risk management responsibilities.

Regent Miller reported the Audit Committee heard UW-Milwaukee's NCAA Division I Athletics Report for 2022-23 and a host campus presentation, "Building a Culture – and Community – of Compliance at UWM."

Regent Miller moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12032 and 12033. The motion was seconded by Regent Underly and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Plan

Resolution 12032 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Plan.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Plan for the Office of Compliance and Risk Management

Resolution 12033 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Plan for the Office of Compliance and Risk Management.

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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 heard a host campus presentation entitled, "Financial Planning and Strategy in Support of Student Success and Research Excellence," from Robin Van Harpen, Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administrative Affairs, and Drew Knab, Associate Vice Chancellor for Business & Financial Services. The presentation detailed how UW-Milwaukee's financial strategies are aimed at supporting their dual mission of both access and research. In addition to making targeted investments that promote enrollment and student success, UW-Milwaukee continues to pursue revenue growth through enhanced online programming, partnerships, and philanthropic opportunities.

Regent Rai reported the Business & Finance Committee approved UW-Milwaukee's agreement that extends its participation in the Northwestern Mutual Data Science Institute for an additional five years, following its establishment in 2018. He said the committee also approved UW-Milwaukee's agreement with Guild Education, a public benefit company that works with an exclusive network of employers that offer education benefits, allowing UW-Milwaukee to engage those learners to provide an array of degree and certificate programs.

Regent Rai reported the Business & Finance Committee approved an addition to the UW System strategic plan for major IT projects. This enables UW-Madison to proceed with Phase 2 of its "Campus Access Controls Replacement" project. The committee also

approved UW-Madison's request for a \$10 increase in its undergraduate application fee from its current level of \$60. The new \$70 fee would be effective for the 2023-24 application cycle, and would remain in range of its peer institutions.

Regent Rai said the Business & Finance Committee approved reductions at UW-Madison and at UW Oshkosh to the 2023-24 segregated fee rates approved by the Board in March. UW-Madison will remove the \$7.88 fee supporting the Greater University Tutoring Service, while maintaining access to many other sources of tutoring services available on campus. UW Oshkosh will reduce fees by \$46.52 to remove fees associated with its Children's Learning and Care Center that will close at the end of this June.

Regent Rai reported the Business & Finance Committee approved three-year extensions of the dining services contracts between Compass Group USA and UW-La Crosse, UW-River Falls, and UW-Superior.

Regent Rai said Chuck Saunders, UW System Administration Office of Trust Funds Executive Director, presented to the Business & Finance Committee the Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2023. As of that date Trust Funds assets totaled \$570.4 million. For the quarter, the Long Term Fund increased in value 4.64% and the Income Cash Fund gained 1.1% for the period.

Lastly, Regent Rai said the Business and Finance Committee approved a five-year, \$11.6 million extension of UW System's agreement with EAB Global for its Navigate system of services and software that provides analytics, student success coordination, and communication management. Navigate is currently used by the 12 UW institutions other than UW-Madison, and has proven to successfully support advising, enrollment management, and transfer functions on campuses, as well as to provide strategic data to administrators and faculty. Regent Rai noted the committee was impressed with the product and results. He also thanked Regent Staton for sharing her firsthand user knowledge about the product, and said her comments reinforce the importance of having students serve on the Board. Regent Rai encouraged a presentation by Ben Passmore, Associate Vice President for Policy Analysis and Research, to the full Board on the Navigate system of services, along with a panel of students and faculty.

Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12034, 12035, 12036, 12037, 12038, 12039, and 12040.

President Walsh requested that Resolution 12034 be considered separately. The motion to adopt the remaining Resolutions 12035, 12036, 12037, 12038, 12039, and 12040 was seconded by Regent Wachs and approved on a voice vote.

Regent Rai then moved separately for the adoption of Resolution 12034. The motion was seconded by Regent Wachs and approved on a voice vote, with Regent Adams and Regent Prince abstaining to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

UW-Milwaukee Contractual Agreement with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Northwestern Mutual Life Foundation, Inc., and Marquette University

Resolution 12034 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Milwaukee, and Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Northwestern Mutual Life Foundation Inc., and Marquette University.

UW-Milwaukee Contractual Services Agreement with Guild Education, Inc.

Resolution 12035 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual services agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Milwaukee, and Guild Education, Inc.

Amendment to UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects

Resolution 12036 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the Board of Regents approves the amendment to the UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects.

UW-Madison Undergraduate Application Fee Increase

Resolution 12037 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves UW-Madison's request to raise its undergraduate application fee to \$70 for applications for admission received on or after August 1, 2023.

UW-Madison and UW Oshkosh Segregated Fee Decreases

Resolution 12038 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves decreases to the 2023-24 UW-Madison and UW Oshkosh segregated fees.

UW-La Crosse, UW-River Falls, and UW-Superior Agreements with Compass Group USA, Inc.

Resolution 12039 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellors of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, University of Wisconsin-Superior, and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual three (3) year extension agreements (UW-La Crosse Amendment No. 7), (UW-River Falls Amendment No. 6), and (UW-Superior Amendment No. 6) between the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, University of Wisconsin-Superior and Compass Group USA, Inc. by and through its Chartwells Division to provide Dining Services for a period of three (3) years.

UW System Subscription Service Agreement with EAB Global, Inc.

Resolution 12040 That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW System Administration, and EAB Global, Inc. for a 5-year term.

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REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Regent Weatherly reported the Education Committee approved the Annual Request for Funding from the Vilas Trust Fund for UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee. The annual request, which this year totaled almost \$8 million, will support scholarships, fellowships, professorships, and special programs in Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Music.

Regent Weatherly reported the Education Committee approved one UW-Eau Claire degree program, three UW-Madison degree programs, one UW-Milwaukee degree program, and one UW-Stout degree program as part of its consent agenda.

Regent Weatherly said the Education Committee approved the 2023 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status.

Regent Weatherly said the Education Committee heard a host campus presentation entitled, "Data-Driven Collaborations for Student Success," from Kay Eilers, Dave Clark, and Phyllis King. The presentation highlighted how UW-Milwaukee is using data analytics to drive decisions on student success and support their cross-institutional Moonshot for Equity initiative.

Regent Weatherly reported the Education Committee heard from a panel of UW provosts and UW System staff, facilitated by Johannes Britz, Interim Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. The panel shared updates, progress, and other actions on issues presented to the Education Committee and the many initiatives supported by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs during the past year.

Regent Weatherly moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12041, 12042, 12043, 12044, 12045, 12046, 12047, and 12048. The motion was seconded by Regent Prince and approved on a voice vote.

Annual Request for Funding from the Vilas Trust Fund for UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee

Resolution 12041 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellors of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the total funding request of \$7,990,647 in net and unallocated income for submission to the Trustees of the William F. Vilas Trust Estate for fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, as provided by the terms of the Vilas Trust for the same fiscal year, for Support of Scholarships, Fellowships, Professorships, and Special Programs in Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Music.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Public Health, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Resolution 12042 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

Public Health degree program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Business: Accounting and Business Analysis, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Resolution 12043 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 Master of Science in Business: Accounting and Business Analysis program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Business Administration in Business: Executive UW-Madison

Resolution 12044 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 Business Administration in Business: Executive program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Animal and Veterinary Biosciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Resolution 12045 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 in Animal and Veterinary Biosciences program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Rehabilitation Science and Technology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Resolution 12046 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Rehabilitation Science & Technology program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Automation Leadership UW-Stout

Resolution 12047 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Stout and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Automation Leadership program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

University of Wisconsin System 2023 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status

Resolution 12048 That, upon the recommendation of the respective Chancellors and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the 2023 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status be approved.

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VIDEO PRESENTATION: “BUSINESS DRIVE INNOVATION WITH UW UNIVERSITIES”

[\[Recording: 00:19:23\]](#)

President Rothman said one of the priorities identified in the strategic plan is the need for the UW System to foster a culture of innovation in support of advancing human knowledge and economic prosperity. He introduced a video which highlighted how universities are helping businesses at every stage: from student entrepreneurs with just an idea, to businesses building their workforce or working on developing new technologies.

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PANEL DISCUSSION: “UWM ENTREPRENEURS – BUILDING MILWAUKEE’S INNOVATION ECONOMY”

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President Walsh invited Chancellor Mone to lead a panel discussion highlighting UW-Milwaukee faculty and alumni entrepreneurs and emphasizing their impact as part of Milwaukee’s innovation economy. The panelists included Jesse DePinto, Co-Founder and CEO of Frontdesk, Inc.; Dr. Carol Hirschmugl, Founder and CEO of COnovate, Inc.; and Tiera Trammell, UW-Milwaukee Lubar Entrepreneurship Center Program Manager.

The panelists addressed how UW-Milwaukee undergraduate and graduate programs are leveraging their skills to launch new enterprises in Milwaukee and scale entrepreneurial programming as well as the process of bringing research from an R1 institution into the market.

Emphasizing the impact of the UW System, Mr. DePinto said the majority of the Frontdesk, Inc., senior leaders have come from the UW System and Dr. Hirschmugl said seven of the eleven employees at COnovate are from the UW System.

Both Mr. DePinto and Ms. Trammel said the Startup Challenge program, which is put on by the Lubar Entrepreneurship Center, played a key role in getting them to their current positions. Ms. Trammel said the Lubar Center is focused on enhancing relationships with organizations and businesses in the community, adding, "We want to make sure students have a pathway into the community and don't just leave when they graduate."

Regent Atwell asked the panelists what motivates them to keep pushing through failure. Mr. DePinto said failure leads to growth, which is what he strives for. Dr. Hirschmugl said failure helps her to gain insight to what pieces are working. Ms. Trammell said failures offer the opportunity to connect with others and collaborate with a community of people.

Regent Tyler asked what the landscape looks like for early-stage investment. Dr. Hirschmugl said grants and other funding assist in the beginning of development but funding the next phase within Wisconsin can be a challenge. She said in order keep Wisconsin-based companies in the state as they are growing, there needs to be more local funding available. Regent Atwell agreed that the second stage of development is where many entrepreneurs run into difficulties.

President Rothman asked what steps the Board of Regents could take to enhance or support the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Wisconsin. Mr. DePinto said supporting the instructors and leaders at the Lubar Entrepreneurship Center would be very effective. Ms. Trammell and Dr. Hirschmugl agreed that providing support and resources for students to be exposed to innovation and entrepreneurship is important.

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PRESENTATION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS 2023 ACADEMIC STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

[\[Recording: 01:01:59\]](#)

President Walsh called upon Regent John Miller, Chair of the Awards selection committee.

Regent Miller welcomed the recipients and their families, friends, and colleagues to the presentation of the Academic Staff Excellence Awards, which are meant to recognize the dedicated work, vital services, and outstanding contributions of the UW System's non-instructional academic staff. Regent Jones thanked Regents Atwell, Pasch, and Prince for their service on the selection committee and recognized all nominees for their time and efforts.

Individual Award: Laura Monahan, UW-Madison

Regent Miller presented the first 2023 Academic Staff Excellence Award in the individual category to Laura Monahan, Museum Associate Director and Curator of Osteology for the University of Wisconsin Zoological Museum, Department of Integrative Biology at UW-Madison. Regent Miller said Ms. Monahan has served as the de facto director of the Zoological Museum for the past 16 years. He said under her leadership, the renowned center for research and education has flourished, expanding its ability to preserve and facilitate the study of vertebrate and aquatic animals. In addition, Ms. Monahan cultivates relationships with donors and has applied for grants resulting in \$800,000 to support museum operations.

In addition to developing exhibits, giving tours, and setting up events, Regent Miller said Ms. Monahan developed the Zoology 405 course, Introduction to Museum Studies in the Natural Sciences. She has now taught this course for over 15 years to introduce students to natural history museums. She also oversees the museum internship program, giving more than 200 students hands-on experience in the museum field. Regent Miller noted that Ms. Monahan had earned the Academic Staff Excellence Mid-Career Award in 2018 and Early Career Award in 2013.

Regent Miller quoted UW-Madison's former provost as saying, "Laura persistently and creatively pursues funding and equipment to maintain a top-notch museum and has assembled an amazing team of staff, students and volunteers that run a modern museum on a shoestring budget."

In her remarks, Ms. Monahan said an important lesson she has learned throughout her time at the museum is the importance of connection and collaboration. She said the

museum relies heavily on interns and volunteers and, “all have skills and expertise but what motivates each one to participate is different. No matter what is on my agenda, I try to take the opportunity to connect with each person at the museum. It’s a team working together.”

Individual Award: Dr. Kathleen Hunzer, UW-River Falls

Regent Prince presented the second 2023 Academic Staff Excellence Award in the individual category to Dr. Kathleen Hunzer, Director of UW-River Falls’ Chancellor’s Scholars, Honors Program, and Falcon Scholars.

Regent Prince said that Dr. Hunzer has drawn on her experience as a first-generation college student to support students at UW-River Falls. In 2014, Dr. Hunzer led a committee to reimagine the Honors Program. Since then, the program has grown from 65 to more than 600 active students. Regent Prince said Dr. Hunzer strives to create a community of support within the program, which has resulted in up to 95% retention. Dr. Hunzer has also collaborated to create the Falcon Care Team and the STAR Program. Both programs focus on helping students who are struggling academically. In addition, Dr. Hunzer created a weekly student newsletter for COVID updates and advised a student team using social media to promote COVID protocols, launched Freddy’s Pantry to meet food insecurity needs, and created the first emergency fund program that provides grants to students to help address potential barriers to success.

Regent Prince said Dr. Hunzer chaired the university’s Autism Spectrum Disorder Transition Program Committee and the Accessibility and Abilities Committee. In 2018, Dr. Hunzer earned the Role Model for Equity Award from the American Association of University Women.

Regent Prince quoted UW-River Falls Provost David Travis as saying, “Throughout her UW-River Falls career, Kathleen Hunzer has established a remarkable history of success and dedication in her enthusiastic and tireless support of students and student-focused initiatives that have made a lasting impact.”

In her remarks, Dr. Hunzer said academic staff members help support student success, learning, and growth. She said academic staff “create a sense of belonging and community because that’s what leads to student success, knowing that someone is watching out for you and has your back.” Dr. Hunzer thanked the Board and said it was an honor and very humbling to receive the Academic Staff Excellence Award.

Program Award: Early College Programs, UW-Green Bay

Regent Atwell presented the 2023 Academic Staff Excellence Award in the program category to the Early College Programs at UW-Green Bay.

Regent Atwell said the programs address the opportunity gap in Wisconsin and focus on providing high-quality, equitable access to higher education for high school students and some middle school students throughout the state. He said the staff collaborate with high school counselors, administrators, and others to tailor program offerings to address individual student needs. Regent Atwell said the Early College Programs can be divided into three categories: Rising Phoenix, Dual Enrollment Services, and GEAR UP Services.

Meagan Strehlow, UW-Green Bay Associate Vice Chancellor for the Student Access and Success, accepted the award on the programs' behalf. Associate Vice Chancellor Strehlow thanked the Board for the honor of receiving the award. She said, "The Early College Programs team are passionate, student-focused professionals. They're building pathways to higher education for students who may have thought that college was not for them."

Associate Vice Chancellor Strehlow said the Early College Programs team helps to take the burden off of high school counselors and assist students with navigating dual enrollment in Wisconsin. She said the team does remarkable work in helping break down the barriers for students, which allows students to be the best version of themselves that they may have never imagined.

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ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

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President Walsh asked Regent Jones to preside over the annual election of officers of the Board of Regents.

Regent Jones stated that the Bylaws of the Board of Regents specify that officers of the Board are elected at the annual meeting held in June and hold their offices for one year until their successors are elected. Terms of office begin immediately after the June meeting. He then called for nominations for the office of President.

Regent Peterson nominated Regent Karen Walsh for President of the Board of Regents.

With no further nominations, Regent Karen Walsh was unanimously elected as President of the Board of Regents by a voice vote.

President Walsh thanked her colleagues on the Board for their confidence in her. She said the Board is a shining example of non-partisan function in a citizen Board and they should be proud of the work they are doing.

Regent Jones then called for nominations for the office of Vice President.

Regent Weatherly nominated Regent Amy Bogost for Vice President of the Board of Regents.

With no further nominations, Regent Amy Bogost was unanimously elected as Vice President of the Board of Regents by a voice vote.

Vice President Bogost thanked her Regent colleagues, saying it is a privilege to have been appointed to serve on the Board. She said it is an honor to serve alongside her fellow Regents, and she will continue to work hard for the students, staff, faculty, and administration of the UW System and support the Wisconsin Idea.

Regent Jones then identified incumbents and nominees for the remaining offices of the Board of Regents:

- Megan Wasley, Corporate Secretary of the Board;
- Christen Bock, Assistant Secretary;
- Steven Wright, Assistant Secretary;
- Sean Nelson, Trust Officer; and,
- Charles Saunders, Assistant Trust Officer.

President Walsh moved to elect the identified nominees to their respective offices. With no other nominations, the proposed officers were elected on a voice vote.

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO UW-MILWAUKEE FOR HOSTING THE JUNE 2023 MEETING

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President Walsh called upon Regent Rai to read the Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Milwaukee for hosting the June 2023 Board of Regents meeting. The resolution was approved by acclamation.

Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Milwaukee for Hosting the June 2023 Meeting

Resolution 12049 WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Regents are pleased to recognize the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee as the official host campus for the Board’s June 2023 meeting, and the Board is grateful for the generous hospitality extended by Chancellor Mark Mone and the entire Panther community; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciated hearing Chancellor Mone’s presentation, “Providing Solutions through Partnerships,” and applauds UWM’s accomplishments in this area; and

WHEREAS, the Business and Finance Committee thanks Robin Van Harpen, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Affairs for providing an update about financial planning and strategy in support of student success and research excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Planning and Budget Committee heard an update about UWM’s progress in capital planning to support student success and research excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee learned more about UWM’s data-driven collaborations for student success; and

WHEREAS, the Board was honored to present the UW System Regents Business Partnership Award to WEC Energy Group, nominated by UW-Milwaukee to recognize their positive mutual impact on education and the needs of the workforce and community; and

WHEREAS, the Board was informed by the strategic focus on expanding access to UW System resources for entrepreneurs and businesses, which included a video about how businesses drive innovation with UW universities and a panel discussion titled, “UWM Entrepreneurs – Building Milwaukee’s Innovation Economy;” and

WHEREAS, Board members were delighted to get a closer look at the James and Yvonne Ziemer Nursing Simulation Center, a professional-grade nursing facility that opened in fall 2022 to educate and train nurses, health care providers, and first responders in the community;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby thanks UW-Milwaukee for its in-depth presentations, forward-thinking spirit,

and its many continued contributions to the UW System and to the state of Wisconsin.

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REGENT COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND MEMORIALS

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Addressing President Rothman's earlier question to the entrepreneurship panel on how can Regents help foster entrepreneurship in Wisconsin, Regent Weatherly said Wisconsin needs more entrepreneurs, and the UW System could help by ensuring students have the skill set and confidence through their education to start a company. President Rothman agreed that more support for entrepreneurial centers is needed to ensure the economic vibrancy of the state.

President Walsh read a statement submitted by one of the Regents noting that UW-River Falls earned its gold level certification as a family friendly workplace. She said Family Friendly Workplaces is a non-profit that works to encourage employers to adopt family-supporting benefits and policies. She congratulated Chancellor Gallo and the entire UW-River Falls team on the accomplishment.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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Submitted by:

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