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BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

November 9, 2023

Gordon Dining & Event Center
770 W. Dayton Street
Madison, Wisconsin
& via Zoom Videoconferences

Thursday, November 9, 2023

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Business & Finance Committee – All Regents Invited**
Symphony Room

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Board of Regents**
Symphony Room

12:00 p.m. **Lunch Recess***
Overture Room

1:00 p.m. **Board of Regents (cont.)**
Symphony Room

Closed Session
Symphony Room

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **2023 Outstanding Women of Color in Education Awards and Dr. P.B. Poorman Awards for Outstanding Achievement on Behalf of LGBTQ+ People***
Doors open at 3:00 p.m.
Concerto/Sonata Room

Event is open to registered attendees. Please contact rpanford@uwsa.edu for more information.

**A quorum of the Board of Regents may be present; no Board business will be conducted.*

Zoom videoconference information and meeting materials can be accessed at <https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/meetingmaterials>. If you need accommodation to attend, please contact Megan Wasley, Executive Director, Office of the Board of Regents at (608) 262-2324 or board@uwsa.edu.

11/02/2023

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Board of Regents

Thursday, November 9, 2023
10:45 a.m.

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1. Calling of the Roll
2. Declaration of Conflicts
3. Updates and Introductions
4. Approval of the records of the October 5-6, 2023 meeting of the UW System Board of Regents; the October 13, 2023 meeting of the Executive Committee of the UW System Board of Regents; and the October 30, 2023 special meeting of the UW System Board of Regents.
5. Report of the Board President
 - A. UW-La Crosse Chancellor Search Process
 - B. Regents Business Partnership Awards
 - C. Seven Generations Inter-Tribal Leadership Summit
 - D. Counseling and Disability Services
6. Report of the System President
 - A. Strategic Plan Update
 - B. Opportunity Tour Update
 - C. Legislative and Other Updates
 - D. Universities of Wisconsin Accomplishments
7. Report and approval of actions taken by the Business & Finance Committee
8. Update on Supporting Student Veterans
9. Universities of Wisconsin 2023-2028 Strategic Plan Updates
 - Division of Academic & Student Affairs
 - Division of University Relations
10. Regent communications, petitions, and memorials

11. Closed Session

Move into closed session to:

- A. Deliberate and negotiate UW System contracts that require a closed session for competitive or bargaining reasons, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats.; and confer with legal counsel regarding potential litigation in which it is likely to become involved regarding those contracts, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats.; and
- B. Confer with legal counsel regarding other potential and pending (*Tony Evers v. Howard Marklein, Appeal Number 2023AP0002020 – OA*) litigation, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats.

The Board may reconvene in open session regarding matters taken up in the closed session, including voting, where applicable.

Adjourn

UPDATE: SUPPORTING STUDENT VETERANS

REQUESTED ACTION

For information and discussion.

SUMMARY

In November 2022, the UW System Board of Regents heard from a panel including staff who provide direct services and support to students who are military veterans, as well as students who have engaged with these services. As a continuation of that discussion, UW-Madison veterans services director Joe Rasmussen will return to provide the Board with an update on universities' ongoing efforts to meet increasing demand and provide high-quality services to student veterans.

Presenter

- Joe Rasmussen, Director of University Veteran Services, UW-Madison

BACKGROUND

Wisconsin provides some of the most robust educational benefits to military veterans and their families wishing to attend college during or after their service. This includes the Wisconsin GI Bill, which provides support beyond and in addition to that available through the federal GI bill. The Universities of Wisconsin also invest significant effort and resources in supporting these students.

While these benefits and support are significant, many challenges remain. Accessing these benefits can be complicated, and student veterans can often have trouble fitting in on a college campus where their life experience can be so different from those of many of their peers.

Links to Previous Board Discussion & Other Resources

- Board of Regents Panel Discussion on November 10, 2022: “Serving Students Who Served: How UW System Supports Student Veterans” ([Video Timestamp: 00:57:47](#))
- Joe Rasmussen’s Testimony to U.S. House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity Oversight Hearing on September 20, 2023: “Less is More: The Impact of Bureaucratic Red Tape on Veterans Education Benefits” ([Video Timestamp: 01:23:25](#))
- Universities of Wisconsin “Veterans” webpage: <https://www.wisconsin.edu/veterans/>

UNIVERSITIES OF WISCONSIN 2023-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

REQUESTED ACTION

For information and discussion.

SUMMARY

Universities of Wisconsin Administration (UWA) leadership will present an update on the implementation of the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan. The plan adopted by the Board of Regents comprises four strategic objectives to be achieved through nine key strategies that, at the UWA level, will be advanced through 47 tactical actions. Two of the UWA Vice Presidents will present high-level status updates for select tactics assigned to their respective units.

Presenters

- Jay Rothman, Universities of Wisconsin President
- Jeff Buhrandt, UWA Vice President for University Relations
- Johannes Britz, UWA Interim Senior Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs

BACKGROUND

In May 2022, the Universities of Wisconsin initiated a strategic planning process which included engagement and consultation with chancellors, senior leadership teams at each university and UW Administration, and shared governance leaders from across the universities.

Previous Action or Discussion

President Rothman presented a draft strategic plan to the Board of Regents at its meeting in September 2022, which was further refined over the subsequent months. At its December 2022 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the 2023-2028 UW System Strategic Plan with the adoption of Resolution 11944. An update on implementation of the strategic plan was provided to the Board of Regents at its July 2023 meeting.