

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

Friday, February 9, 2024
8:30 a.m.

Union South
Varsity Hall II
1308 W. Dayton Street
Madison, Wisconsin

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CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

Regents Amy Bogost and Kyle Weatherly joined the meeting in progress.

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regent Jim Kreuser

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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."

No conflicts were declared.

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

[\[Recording: 00:01:17\]](#)

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

Regent Wachs reported that the consent agenda was approved by the Capital Planning & Budget Committee, including two real estate items, two All Agency projects at UW-Stevens Point and UW-La Crosse, and one Minor Facilities Renewal project at UW-Madison.

Regent Wachs said the Capital Planning & Budget Committee reviewed and approved a request to lease 410 beds on behalf of UW-Eau Claire to help alleviate a student housing shortfall.

Regent Wachs said the Capital Planning & Budget Committee approved a request to permit construction of the Camp Randall Sports Center Replacement project on behalf of UW-Madison. The \$285 million project will replace the existing 1955 Camp Randall Shell with a new indoor football practice facility, demolish the McClain Athletic Facility, and renovate lower-level spaces in the Stadium. He said UW-Madison athletic facilities need to close the gap in training facilities available in order to remain competitive with peer institutions for new recruits and to retain current student athletes, and that a properly sized and functional indoor practice facility is a necessity for top-tier football programs, especially in northern climates.

Regent Wachs reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee approved a UW-Stevens Point request to increase Segregated Fees for the construction of Champion's Hall Renovation and Addition project. He said the Board granted approval to allow the project to proceed to construction at the December 7-8, 2023 meeting. The project constructs an addition to Champions Hall with modern spaces to meet program needs. The new design will encourage student interaction and reflect the university's Healthy Communities Initiative, while also addressing the facility's deteriorating conditions, inadequacies, and deficiencies.

Regent Wachs reported that due to the Department of Administration's change in the bond schedule from a 30-year bond to a 20-year bond, fees to support the project had to be revised. He said the proposed fee increase is \$24.68, bringing the total fee for the Champions Hall project to \$299.64 per year. Regent Wachs said UW-Stevens Point and student government leadership have reaffirmed their support for the project.

Regent Wachs reported the Capital Planning & Budget Committee heard a host campus presentation from Cindy Torstveit, UW-Madison Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Management. The presentation, entitled "Progress Through Challenges: Transforming the Built Environment", showed how UW-Madison's built environment remains critical to its mission of research, education, and outreach and is following a multi-pronged strategy to address aging facilities, increasing deferred maintenance, and the quickly changing needs of its community.

Lastly, Regent Wachs said Senior Associate Vice President Roe provided an update on the 2023-25 Capital Budget process and the February 3, 2023, State Building Commission meeting. Regent Wachs said that Senior Associate Vice President Roe indicated that the largest number of projects are in the minor facilities renewal category, a sign that the need to repair, renovate and modernize the UW's facilities is a high priority.

Regent Wachs moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12135, 12136, 12137, 12138, 12139, 12140, and 12141. The motion was seconded by Regent Tyler and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Sell an Improved Parcel of Land, UW-Milwaukee

Resolution 12135 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to sell a 0.48-acre parcel of land with improvements located at 3435 N. Lake Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Authority to Sell 514 Square Feet of Property for the City of Madison Bus Rapid Transit Project, UW-Madison

Resolution 12136 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves the sale of 514 SF of vacant land adjacent to the road right of-way near the intersection of S. Whitney Way and Mineral Point Road for \$5,400 based on an appraisal.

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

Resolution 12137 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 \$4,094,400 (\$2,965,300 Segregated Revenue and \$1,129,100 Cash).

Authority to Construct a Minor Facilities Renewal Project, UW System

Resolution 12138 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to construct a minor facilities renewal project at an estimated total cost of \$7,397,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing.

Authority to Enter into a Lease for Student Housing, UW-Eau Claire

Resolution 12139 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Eau Claire and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves a lease of 154,372 square feet of space at Haymarket Landing apartment building for the purpose of student housing.

Authority to Construct the Camp Randall Sports Center Replacement Project, UW-Madison

Resolution 12140 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 construction of the Camp Randall Sports Center Replacement and the demolition of the McClain Athletic Facility for an estimated total project cost of \$285,163,000 (\$50,000,000 Segregated Revenue, \$120,000,000 Existing Program Revenue Supportive Borrowing, and \$115,163,000 Program Revenue-Cash).

Authority to Increase Fees to Support Construction of Champion's Hall Renovation and Addition, UW-Stevens Point

Resolution 12141 That, upon the recommendation of Chancellor of UW-Stevens Point and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves an increase in Segregated Fees for construction of Champion's Hall Renovation and Addition project.

Regent Vice President Amy Bogost joined the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 00:06:21\]](#)

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 2024 Audit Plan. Ms. Stortz reported that her office has been making excellent progress on the plan and expects to bring several more audit reports to the committee when it meets on April 4, 2024, in Platteville. Ms. Stortz said due to the impact caused by the FAFSA delays her office was asked to defer the audit of third-party servicers, which will be deferred to early summer.

Regent Miller reported that Ms. Stortz provided a high-level summary of the results of audits recently issued by the Office of Internal Audit since the committee last met on December 7, 2023. He said the audit results included reports on Concussion Protocols, the General Ledger Clearing Accounts Follow-Up, the NCAA Athletics Division I Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagement audits, the NCAA Agreed-Upon Procedures audit reports for UW-Green Bay and UW-Milwaukee, and the Payroll Bi-Annual Audit for the April A 2023 – September B 2023 Pay Periods. Regent Miller urged the universities to ensure their concussion protocols documentation is complete, timely, and on file.

Regent Miller reported that the Audit Committee heard an update by Paige Smith, Chief Compliance and Risk Officer, on the Universities of Wisconsin Risk, Compliance and Audit (RCA) Program to the committee. He said Ms. Smith also provided an update on youth protection and compliance with System Policy 625.

Regent Miller reported the Audit Committee heard an update on the cyber insurance policy renewal from Edward Murphy, Associate Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer.

Lastly, Regent Miller reported Chris McIntosh, UW-Madison Director of Athletics, presented the UW-Madison Annual Athletics Report to the Audit Committee. He said the committee congratulated UW-Madison on the strong performance of their athletics program, both financially and academically.

President Walsh noted the impressive grade point average and graduation rate presented in the UW-Madison report.

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Regent Kyle Weatherly joined the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

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

[\[Recording: 00:09:22\]](#)

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

Regent Rai reported that the Business & Finance Committee heard a host campus presentation by Rob Cramer, UW-Madison Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, and David Murphy, UW-Madison Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance, entitled "Investing in Innovations for the Public Good." Vice Chancellor Cramer and Associate Vice Chancellor Murphy provided an overview of UW-Madison's fiscal position, and offered examples of how new revenues generated by the university are being strategically invested to promote their research, education, and service missions.

Regent Rai reported the Business & Finance Committee approved two agreements that extend current relationships between UW-Madison's Department of Athletics and its retail partners for an additional eight years each. He said the first agreement with Fanatics Retail Group Fulfillment will continue to operate the official online store, Bucky'sLockerRoom.com. Terms of the agreement include an increased revenue share that is expected to net \$3.75 million to UW-Madison. Regent Rai said the second agreement is with Gold Country for operation of the brick-and-mortar stores within Camp Randall Stadium and the Kohl Center. Contract provisions include a \$400,000 capital investment in the stores, and an estimated \$4.5 million in revenue to UW-Madison over its term.

Regent Rai reported the Business & Finance Committee approved an agreement on behalf of UW-Superior's Lake Superior Research Institute with the Interlake Steamship Company. He said the Lake Superior Research Institute was awarded federal funding through the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain Invasive Species Program and will work with the Interlake Steamship Company to conduct research on the effectiveness of various ballast water filter solutions.

Regent Rai said the Business & Finance Committee approved the UW System Status Report on Large or High-Risk Information Technology Projects. Steven Hopper, Chief Information Officer, detailed the status of nine major IT projects across the system, including one new project to significantly increase the security posture at UW-Madison through the consolidation of Active Directory environments. Other project updates included the completion of Phase One of UW-Madison's Campus Access Controls Replacement, and the continued expectation for the Administrative Transformation Program to go live in July

2025. The total project portfolio is \$260 million, a 1.2% increase compared to the July 2023 report.

Regent Rai reported the Business & Finance Committee approved the annual report on the Strategic Plans for Major IT Projects. He said the report provided an inventory of all ongoing and new projects, both enterprise-wide and institution-specific, and included information on each project's business need, impact, staffing requirements, and budget. Regent Rai said both reports would be submitted to the Legislature's Joint Committee on Information Policy and Technology, pursuant to state statute.

Lastly, Regent Rai reported that Sean Nelson, Vice President for Finance and Administration, provided the Business & Finance Committee with an informational update on the engagement with Deloitte Consulting to conduct financial and operational reviews of 12 universities. He said Vice President Nelson noted that staggered engagements with the institutions were anticipated to continue into June 2024, followed by an assessment of UW System Administration to begin in July 2024.

Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12142, 12143, 12144, 12145, and 12146. The motion was seconded by Regent Wachs and approved on a voice vote.

UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Fanatics Retail Group Fulfillment, LLC.

Resolution 12142 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison 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-Madison, and Fanatics Retail Group Fulfillment, LLC.

UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Gold Country, Inc.

Resolution 12143 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison 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-Madison, and Gold Country, Inc.

UW-Superior Contractual Agreement with The Interlake Steamship Company

Resolution 12144 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Superior 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-Superior, and The Interlake Steamship Company.

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

Resolution 12145 That, upon the recommendation 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 February 8, 2024; 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 Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects

Resolution 12146 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves: (1) the UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects; 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.

REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 00:13:02\]](#)

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, one UW-Madison degree program, one UW-Stevens Point degree program, and one UW-Whitewater degree program as part of its consent agenda.

Regent Weatherly said the Education Committee approved a modification of the Undergraduate Application Fee Structure. He said the modification will return to a free application for all applications submitted to all UW universities except UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse and UW-Madison. Regent Weatherly said a policy adopted on July 7, 2023 to charge a fee at the other 10 UWs after three free applications was based on a desire to

reduce the number of students who apply to an excessive number of universities without real interest in attending most of them. He said that while data showed the policy was having the intended effect, the desire to continue to promote student access prodded the change. Regent Weatherly added that two initiatives will alter the admission landscape and student behavior, the recently introduced Direct Admissions Program and expected Guaranteed Admissions legislation.

Regent Weatherly said the Education Committee heard a host campus presentation by Charles Lee Isbell Jr., UW-Madison Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, as well as a panel on undergraduate research. The panel demonstrated how students gain valuable research experience, working directly with faculty and research staff experts to advance scientific understanding, contribute to scholarship in an array of fields, and address real-world challenges. Regent Weatherly said the panel and discussion showed how UW-Madison is a leader in studying effective mentor and mentee relationships in research settings.

Lastly, Regent Weatherly reported that the Education Committee discussed the impact of generative artificial intelligence (AI) on the educational mission of the Universities of Wisconsin with a panel led by Provost Isbell. Regent Weatherly said the panel discussed an overview of developments in AI and how AI is transforming the work to support student success, career readiness, academic integrity, and the craft of teaching.

Regent Weatherly moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12147, 12148, 12149, 12150, and 12151. The motion was seconded by Regent Prince and approved on a voice vote.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Resolution 12147 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 Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Design, Innovation, and Society, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Resolution 12148 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 Design, Innovation, and Society program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master in Social Work (M.S.W.), University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Resolution 12149 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master in Social Work (M.S.W.) program at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Education (M.S.E.) in Reading Instruction and Dyslexia Intervention, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Resolution 12150 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Education (M.S.E.) in Reading Instruction and Dyslexia Intervention at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Modification of UW System Undergraduate Application Fee Structure

Resolution 12151 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves a proposed request to rescind Resolution 12057 and establish an application fee of \$0 for all undergraduate admission to UW universities, excepting UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse, and UW-Madison, effective August 1, 2024.

PANEL PRESENTATION: “STRATEGIC ALLIANCES: MAXIMIZING FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS”

[\[Recording: 00:18:20\]](#)

President Walsh introduced a panel to further discuss the increase in federal funding put towards programs for which major research universities play a significant role. She said the programs focus on academic and industry partnership, as well as helping develop new technologies and spur innovation. President Walsh said the programs also expect to see outcomes related to job creation, regional economic transformation, community development, and equity considerations.

The panelists included Charles Hoslet, Vice Chancellor for University Relations, UW-Madison; Anjon Audhya, PhD, Senior Associate Dean for Basic Research, UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health; Wendy Harris, Regional Innovation Officer, Wisconsin Biohealth Tech Hub / BioForward Wisconsin; Chris Kozina, Assistant Vice Chancellor and

Senior Advisor, Industry Engagement, UW-Madison; and Jon Schnur, Chief Executive Officer, America Achieves.

Vice Chancellor Hoslet noted the large amount of research funding that UW-Madison receives from federal, state, local, industry, and non-profit sources, with the largest amount coming from federal funding. He said with the research funding comes large amounts of university and industry partnership.

The panelists shared their perspectives on the recent growth of funding opportunities, what it means for the future, the importance of participating in and learning from applying for funding programs, and what is needed to compete more effectively in the space. The panel members emphasized the indispensable role universities like UW-Madison play as research engines and the strengths that comprehensive campuses in the Universities of Wisconsin can bring.

Regent Evan Brenkus left the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Responding to questions from Regents, panelists discussed how their research work and partnerships translate to student opportunities; how the comprehensive universities, not just UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee, can become involved in the Tech Hub designation work and further aid in gaining more funding; whether any Wisconsin Administrative Code or State Statutes could be hindering more partnerships and collaboration with UW universities; and the challenges to commercializing intellectual property, specifically about the difficulties that arise when doing research in the state of Wisconsin.

During the discussion, President Walsh commented that a better way to incentivize and reward the talent creating new intellectual property may be needed in order to keep research, innovation, and education moving forward.

Regent Tyler noted that the majority of manufacturing companies in Wisconsin are small-to-mid-sized and asked how those companies could be better engaged with and utilized in the BioHealth entrepreneurial space.

The Board recessed from 10:05 a.m. to 10:18 a.m.

UW-MADISON STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: AMANPREET SEHRA

[\[Recording: 01:35:19\]](#)

President Walsh invited Lori Reesor, UW-Madison Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, to introduce Amanpreet Sehra.

Vice Chancellor Reesor said Ms. Sehra is a first-generation student majoring in finance and real estate with a certificate in religious studies at UW-Madison. She said Ms. Sehra is the captain of School of Bhangra, UW-Madison's folk Punjabi dance team. Ms. Sehra also co-leads Sikh Teens and is an Interfaith Fellow with UW-Madison's Center for Interfaith Dialogue.

Ms. Sehra said growing up she felt she needed to keep her racial identity hidden. Ms. Sehra shared about the fear she felt for herself and her family following the 2012 Wisconsin Sikh temple shooting in Oak Creek, only ten minutes from her house. But as a student at UW-Madison, Ms. Sehra said she feels like her differences are embraced. She said she has been actively engaged with the Business School and the Center for Interfaith Dialogue and the Southeast Asian student community.

Ms. Sehra said, "My journey here at UW-Madison has been marked by growth, resilience, and a deep sense of community. As I look ahead I am filled with gratitude for the connections and opportunities that have enriched my college experience. Together, let us strive to build more bridges, celebrate diversity and a more inclusive future."

Regent Underly thanked Ms. Sehra for speaking to the Board and sharing her appreciation for Wisconsin's public schools.

Regent Weatherly asked how entrepreneurship could be introduced to a larger quantity of students. Ms. Sehra said she has seen many opportunities promoted by the business school focusing on entrepreneurship.

PRESENTATION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS 2024 DIVERSITY AWARDS

[\[Recording: 01:47:28\]](#)

President Walsh called upon Regent Héctor Colón, Chair of the selection committee, to introduce the 2024 Regent Diversity Awards.

Regent Colón welcomed the recipients and their families, friends, and colleagues to the 16th presentation of the Regent Diversity Awards, which are meant to recognize outstanding contributions to diversity and inclusion by people and programs at UW universities. Regent Colón thanked Regents Evan Brenkus, Joan Prince, and Ashok Rai for their service on the selection committee and recognized all nominees for their time and efforts.

Individual Award: Dr. Christine Smith, Professor of Psychology, Human Development, and Women's and Gender Studies, UW-Green Bay

Regent Colón presented the first Regent Diversity Award in the individual category to Dr. Christine Smith, UW-Green Bay professor of psychology, Human Development, and Women's and Gender Studies. He said Dr. Smith has served UW-Green Bay since 2008 and has co-founded the Pride Center, coordinated Women's History Month events, oversaw the creation of the LGBT Certificate, and chaired the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program. In addition, Dr. Smith has also co-created a peer mentoring program called BIPOC R.I.S.E. (Black and Indigenous People of Color Reaching Intersectional Strength through Engagement). Renamed "New Scholars Rising," the program recently expanded to include first-generation students, who make up about 50 percent of UW-Green Bay's undergraduate student body.

Regent Colón said Dr. Smith facilitated and implemented a well-received installation of the American Psychological Association's "I am Psyched! National Tour," which explores the history and contemporary contributions of women of color in psychology. Dr. Smith has also mentored students in over 70 high-impact, independent learning experiences.

The chair of the psychology department said, "Dr. Smith is an inspiring and passionate teacher.... Her courses are rigorous, eye-opening, and enriching to students' lives. Dr. Smith is an unceasing advocate and an inspirational mentor to BIPOC and marginalized members of our community and beyond."

Dr. Smith emphasized the importance of belonging, in addition to equity, diversity, and inclusion. She said, "As a social psychologist, everyone wants to belong, whether it's the Pride Center, in the classroom, having events, or having a mentor who has their back. Our students will thrive if given the opportunity."

Individual Award: Glendalí Rodríguez, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UW-Stout

Regent Rai presented the second Regent Diversity Award in the individual category to Glendalí Rodríguez, UW-Stout Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. He said throughout her more than 18 years at UW-Stout, Provost Rodríguez has actively contributed to equity, diversity, and inclusion efforts in positions she held at all levels, from department chair of construction, to associate provost, to provost.

Regent Rai said Provost Rodríguez served as secretary and treasurer of the Minority Faculty and Staff Network and created its Mentorship Network to help new faculty and staff connect with the university and local community and advance along their professional trajectory. The network, now known as the Underrepresented Faculty and Staff Alliance, is still active on campus. Provost Rodríguez also worked with students to help reestablish the UW-Stout Chapter of Latinos Unidos and served as their faculty advisor for two years, and the chapter has grown to be one of the largest and most active student organizations at UW-Stout.

Provost Rodríguez led the inaugural Comprehensive Academic Planning process for Academic Affairs, which detailed, five-year academic plan aligned academic programming with the needs of all students, including full-time, part-time, and underrepresented. She was recognized by her peers in the American Association of State Colleges and Universities' Student Success Institute for her work on the plan and was presented with the Fellows Choice Award in July 2023.

Chancellor Frank said, "As a bilingual woman of color in a discipline and industry comprised of predominantly white men, Glendalí has persevered and has not only succeeded, but triumphed as a leader, change agent, and model for others to follow."

Provost Rodríguez shared her experience being in the minority, not only as a child growing up in the American south but also in her early years at UW-Stout when she was hired as an assistant professor in construction. She said she was the only female, the only Latina, and the only female faculty with a professional terminal degree.

Provost Rodríguez said, "Persistence allows someone to do something even though it's difficult or it's opposed by other people. It takes persistence to champion EDIB in public higher education," and added, "I believe in how education opens opportunities. For those of you leading this work, know you're not alone. Thank you for your persistence."

Program Award: Campus Garden Program, UW-Whitewater

Regent Rai presented the Regent Diversity Award in the program category to the Campus Garden Program at UW-Whitewater, which was accepted by Wes Enterline, UW-Whitewater Sustainability Coordinator.

Regent Rai said the Campus Garden Program, led by Mr. Enterline, has brought together students, staff, faculty, and community members to support individuals and families of the UW-Whitewater campus and surrounding community for more than a decade. The program's primary mission is to provide fresh produce to local food pantries serving a diverse local population. By addressing food insecurity, the program contributes to the well-being of underrepresented populations, first-generation students, and economically disadvantaged individuals on campus and in the local community. To date, the program has donated over 25,000 pounds of produce.

The Campus Garden program was integrated into a UW-Whitewater service-learning class. The participants were predominantly underrepresented or first-generation students, and learned the impact of sustainability principles like composting food waste, propagating and saving seeds, and organic gardening techniques.

Vice Chancellor Brenda Jones said, "Food insecurity is a reality that often impacts the health and well-being of underrepresented populations and economically disadvantaged individuals. The Campus Garden program is changing and improving those lives daily by giving children and adults the knowledge and tools to combat this reality."

Mr. Enterline said investing in student success by providing a safety net is essential to closing the achievement gap. He said students who experience food insecurity can lose focus on their long-term educational goals. Mr. Enterline said the university is responsible for guiding and helping students to meet their educational goals.

Mr. Enterline said, "Many who once relied on our resources are inspired to give back. It plants the seed for future generosity," noting that the garden also helps students understand the spirit of abundance and inspires civic engagement.

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO UW-MADISON FOR HOSTING THE FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING

[\[Recording: 02:22:50\]](#)

President Walsh called upon Regent Atwell to read the Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Madison for hosting the February 2024 Board of Regents meeting. The resolution was accepted by acclamation.

Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Madison for Hosting the February 2024 Meeting

Resolution 12152 WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Regents are pleased to recognize the University of Wisconsin–Madison as the official host campus for the Board’s February 2024 meeting, and are grateful for the generous hospitality extended this month by Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin and the entire Badger community; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciated hearing Chancellor Mnookin’s thoughtful presentation about how UW-Madison is focusing on “Innovation for the Public Good: A Bedrock Value and Launchpad to the Future;” and

WHEREAS, the Business and Finance Committee heard from Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Rob Cramer and Associate Vice Chancellor David Murphy about ways UW-Madison is investing in innovations for the public good and its success in generating additional revenues to invest in its mission; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Planning and Budget Committee gained a deeper understanding of how UW-Madison is making progress through challenges to transform the built environment; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee learned about the opportunities and impact of UW-Madison undergraduate research, which allows students to work directly with faculty to advance scientific understanding, contribute to scholarship in an array of fields, and address real-world challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciated hearing the panel presentation, “Strategic Alliances: Maximizing Federal Funding Opportunities Through Public-Private Partnerships,” such as the recent CHIPS and Science Act, which authorized \$10 billion to invest in regional

innovation and technology hubs across the country, including UW-Madison; and

WHEREAS, the Board was delighted to hear from UW-Madison student Amanpreet Sehra, an undergraduate junior majoring in finance and real estate with a certificate in religious studies; and

WHEREAS, the Board was inspired by the reception held at the Chazen Museum of Art, with its beautiful and illuminating glass works exhibit;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby thanks UW-Madison for this month's informative presentations, its forward-thinking spirit, and its many continued contributions to the Universities of Wisconsin and the state as a whole.

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REGENT COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND MEMORIALS

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There were no Regent communications, petitions, or memorials.

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

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Submitted by:

/s/ _____

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