

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM  
**Capital Planning and Budget Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 26, 2024**

The September 26, 2024 meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee, which was held in the Oak Room of the Student Center on the UW-Parkside campus and via Zoom Videoconferencing, was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Committee Vice Chair Regent Jim Kreuser.

A. Calling of the Roll

Present: Regents Edmund Manydeeds, Jim Kreuser, Tim Nixon, Cris Peterson, Joan Prince, Ashok Rai, Mark Tyler and Karen Walsh

B. Declaration of Conflicts

Before considering any items on the agenda, Committee Vice Chair Regent Kreuser 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 of interest were declared.

C. Approval of the Minutes of the August 22, 2024 Meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee

After receipt of a motion and second, the minutes of the August 22, 2024, meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee were approved as presented.

D. Proposed Consent Agenda

1. UW-Madison: Authority to Sell A 1.9-Acre Parcel of Vacant Land
2. UW-Milwaukee: Authority to Transfer Ownership of 44.27 Acres of Vacant Land to a Qualified Not-For-Profit Entity
3. UW-River Falls: Authority to Enter into a Lease for Vacant Land for an Experiential Outdoor Classroom
4. UW-Eau Claire: Authority to Enter into a Lease for Two Parking Lots
5. UW System: Authority to Construct 2023-25 Classroom Renovation/ Instructional Technology Improvement Program Projects
6. UW System: Authority to Construct All Agency Maintenance and Repair Projects
7. UW System: Authority to Construct Minor Facilities Renewal Projects

Resolution D. was moved by Regent Tyler, seconded by Regent Nixon, and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

E. UW-Madison: Authority to Enter into a Lease of Space Located at 353 East Campus Mall

Senior Associate Vice President Alex Roe explained that Chancellor Blank commissioned the Public History Project in 2019 as a result of a campus study group that investigated the history of two 1920's era student groups. It became a permanent center in 2023. The broad intent of the Center is to ensure that all students and alumni are aware of the full history of

the university, including marginalized populations whose stories may have been hidden or not widely known.

The center currently occupies temporary space on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the building. The proposed lease provides a new centralized location for public and student-facing exhibits, offices, and meeting spaces. In addition, the lease provides space for Student Affairs to consolidate high-priority student engagement functions in a central location to support student success. The location provides a unique storefront venue for highly visible and flexible multi-purpose space with ease of access to students that utilize critical student affairs resources.

Tenant improvements to update the space are expected to cost about \$1M net, which \$707,050 of that will be the landlord's contribution. The lease allows for the right of first refusal to purchase and an option to expand into a proximate retail space which has a direct connection to space the Board already owns. The University currently owns 26% of the University Square Condominium complex.

Regent Walsh inquired what is occupied in the 26% that is owned by the University. SAVP Roe answered that McBurney Disability Center, DoIT, and the Enrollment Center are located there.

Resolution E. was moved by Regent Walsh, seconded by Regent Tyler, and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

F. UW-Madison: Authority to Complete Design and Construct the UW Managed Grainger Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Dining Expansion

SAVP Roe described how the university has undertaken a comprehensive look at its various dining options, settings, and opportunities across campus to meet a growing demand for food service and reduce waiting times. The university currently estimates that another 550 seats are needed to address need.

This project proposes to provide additional dining in the form of a Winter Garden, a coffee house, retail food service, an Executive Dining room, and a catering kitchen at the School of Business' Grainger Hall.

The renovation will re-envision the first floor to provide flexible events and social space for community activities. Renovations to the existing food service space along with associated mechanical, electrical, and structural upgrades will be constructed.

Regent Walsh asked if this project is directed by the Wisconsin Union and SAVP Roe stated that it is not but rather by University Housing.

Resolution F. was moved by Regent Rai, seconded by Regent Tyler, and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

G. UW-Parkside Host Campus Presentation: “Building for the Future”

The host campus team of Vice Chancellor Philip Hirsch, Chief Facilities Officer John Bruch and Sustainability Officer, Emily Reed, provided a presentation entitled: “Building for the Future.” It shared a brief history of campus development and highlighted the ongoing challenges related to facilities that are all the same age.

The university has five key principles underpinning their capital planning strategy: Future-Forward Campus, increase the variety of learning environments, enhance inclusiveness and student focus, improve function and efficiency, and further enhance and balance sustainability. They concluded the presentation with a focus on recent projects and initiatives as well as partnerships with private companies, local governments, and environmental groups.

Regent Nixon inquired about the structural conditions of the 1970s buildings and whether they should be renovated or demolished. CFO Bruch replied that the buildings are very well built and can withstand renovations. SAVP Roe added that although the buildings are structurally sound the way they were built was problematic. The pipes were buried into the concrete making access to replace systems very difficult.

Regent Walsh asked about the amount of asbestos abatement needed. CFO Bruch answered that Greenquist Hall has probably the last, largest amount of asbestos solely because it has remained untouched in 50 years and its mostly original construction.

H. Report of the Senior Associate Vice President

SAVP Roe stated that Tom Bittner is in the final stage of submitting the board approved 2025-27 Capital Budget Biennial request into the Department of Administration’s system. It is due October 1<sup>st</sup>. The DOA will reopen the budget in November, at which time CPB will be allowed to update any budgets that may have changed since mid-July based upon consultant work. DOA will provide a recommendation to the Governor’s office sometime in December and if the process follows the last biennium, a recommendation will be made to the State Building Commission in February. The UW will testify on the budget recommendation and the full request in early to mid-March. Due to the election process, there will not be a confirmation of legislative appointments to the Building Commission until sometime in early February. Not all members of the SBC are up for election this cycle. However, the leadership of the senate and assembly choose SBC members. Sometimes there is change, sometimes not.

SAVP Roe and Tom will report to the CPB committee in December if they modify any of the budgets reflecting continued design efforts on the relevant projects.

Finally, SAVP reminded the Regents that the real estate report coming up at December’s meeting will include sales and acquisitions. UW-Milwaukee’s chancellor residence is the latest real estate being sold. She reported that there are 2 more houses remaining, Olin and

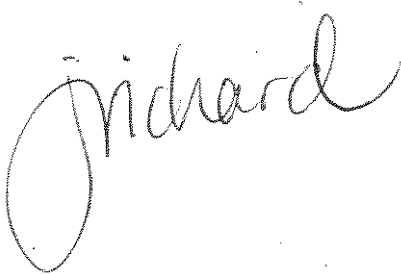
Brittingham, which will not be sold along with student houses located at research centers and farms.

The Capital Planning and Budget Committee moved into close session at 9:24 am by a motion from Regent Nixon and seconded by Regent Rai.

During the closed session, Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Agenda Item I. the naming of the Multicultural Education Center at UW Oshkosh. The motion was seconded by Regent Prince and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

The Capital Planning and Budget Committee adjourned at 9:40 am by a motion from Regent Walsh and seconded by Regent Rai.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janis Richard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Janis Richard  
Committee Clerk