

**Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents**  
**Meeting of the Business & Finance Committee**  
Via Zoom Videoconference  
April 20, 2026

The meeting of the Business and Finance Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair, Regent Ashok Rai.

**A. Calling of the Roll**

Present: Regent Ashok Rai (Chair), Regent Haben Goitom (Vice Chair), Regent Noah Fritz, Regent Timothy Nixon, Regent Tom Palzewicz, Regent Jack Salzwedel and Regent Karen Walsh. Regent Jim Kreuser joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m.  
Absent: None

**B. Declaration of Conflicts**

The chair asked committee members to identify any conflicts of interest regarding items on the agenda. Regent Walsh announced that she would recuse herself from the discussion and vote on Item D. to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest.

**C. Approval of the Minutes of the March 5, 2026, Meeting of the Business & Finance Committee**

Regent Rai noted that the minutes of the March 5, 2026 meeting had been provided, and asked committee members to identify any corrections. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

**D. Approval of UW-Oshkosh Dining Services Agreement with Aramark Educational Services, LLC**

UW Administration Director of Procurement Brent Tilton, with Procurement Manager Paul Schlough, presented a proposed agreement with Aramark Educational Services, LLC for dining services operations at UW-Oshkosh.

The presentation began with a basic overview of the Request for Proposal process. UW Administration works with a development team that includes university-based stakeholders to develop and issue the solicitation and timeframe. A UWSA Procurement lead serves as the point of contact for vendor questions, and provides training to the teams on rules and compliance. An evaluation committee scores the technical responses, while the cost is reviewed separately. High-scoring proposals are often provided an opportunity to forward a best and final offer. After further evaluation, notice is issued to vendors of an intent to award, followed by negotiation of a contract. The entire process generally takes six months to nearly one year.

Mr. Tilton then spoke to the specifics of the proposal before the committee. Aramark was selected after a Request for Proposal process that was led by UW Procurement and

involved an eight-member evaluation committee that included students and staff.

The agreement is for five years with two one-year extensions to operate all dining services, including the residential dining program, retail operations, catering, conferences, camps, and summer activities. UW-Oshkosh's annual commission is estimated at \$280,000, or nearly \$2 million over the life of the contract. In addition, Aramark will provide capital investment of \$1 million.

**Questions/Comments:** Regent Rai expressed appreciation for the presentation and noted that it is helpful for Regents to understand the process as additional dining services contracts come before the committee. He also highlighted the student representation in the RFP process.

Regent Rai asked if the proposed commissions paid to UW-Oshkosh are equivalent to those in the previous contract. Mr. Schlough replied that the commissions are slightly less due to the higher costs of food, but are in line with what the team has seen in the overall program.

Regent Goitom asked if a service level agreement had been developed. Mr. Schlough replied that by mutual agreement, a KPI dashboard will be developed and reviewed in quarterly meetings with the vendor and university leadership. Regent Goitom recommended an earlier check-in to assist in a smooth transition to a new vendor.

**Motion to adopt made by:** Regent Salzwedel

**Motion seconded by:** Regent Fritz

**Motion** carried unanimously, with recusal by Regent Walsh (voice vote)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Volz  
Acting Committee Clerk