

**UW System Board of Regents  
Education Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 20, 2026**

**Education Committee**

The Education Committee convened at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom videoconference. Committee members in attendance via Zoom were Regents Prince (Chair), Adams, Adongo, Manydeeds, Rogers, Terwilliger, Traynor (Vice Chair), and Underly. No Regent declared a conflict of interest regarding any of the items on the meeting agenda.

**Item C. Proposed Consent Agenda**

Given the number of agenda items to be covered during the meeting, the Chair recommended that the committee consider the following routine, non-controversial items on a consent agenda. Note: Items on a consent agenda may be acted upon by the committee in a single vote. Any Board Member may remove items from a consent agenda for separate discussion and consideration. The meeting agenda reflected the following six (6) items on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 5, 2026 Meeting of the Education Committee
2. UW-Madison: Approval of a Doctor of Audiology
3. UW-Stevens Point: Approval of a Doctor of Audiology
4. UW-Madison: Approval of a Doctor of Philosophy in Wisconsin Idea Executive Educational Leadership Preparation Program
5. UW-Superior: Approval of a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design
6. Approval of UW-Stout Faculty Policies and Procedures Related to Faculty Appointments and Promotion in UW-Stout's Faculty, Academic Staff, and Limited Appointees Handbook

All items remained on the consent agenda. Senior Vice President Johannes Britz provided an overview of Items C.2. to C.6. A motion to approve Item C was made by Regent Terwilliger and seconded by Regent Underly. The motion unanimously carried on a voice vote.

**Item D. Approval of Continued Test Optional Admission Process in Regent Policy Document 7-3, UW System Freshman Admissions Policy**

Julie Amon, AVP of Enrollment and Student Success at UW Administration, and Nick Hillman, Director of the SSTAR Lab at UW-Madison, provided an overview of their request to extend the current test-optional waiver through the 2027-28 academic year. They noted that, on April 5, 2024, the Board of Regents extended the temporary suspension of the ACT/SAT requirement for freshman applicants in Sections I.C and II.B of RPD 7-3, University of Wisconsin System Freshman Admissions policy through 2026-27 to allow additional time to study the predictive value of test scores and the impact of test-optional policies on outcomes such as first-year GPA, first-to-second-year retention, and four-year graduation rates.

They further explained that students applying for Fall 2027 admission will otherwise lack clarity about whether test scores will be required when applications open on August 1, 2026. Extending the waiver through 2027-28 would provide needed guidance to applicants and allow additional time to analyze Universities of Wisconsin data alongside findings from comparable higher education institutions and systems, which will better inform any future policy recommendations. At the end of the presentation by Drs. Amon and Hillman, Dr. Underly expressed gratitude for the team's work and the reassurance that their initial research findings provide. She noted appreciation for the holistic approach of the admissions process, and indicated she felt reassured that test-optional is a good path to continue. A motion to approve Item D was made by Regent Adongo and seconded by Regent Underly. The motion unanimously carried on a voice vote.

Dr. Prince concluded the meeting by thanking Senior Vice President Britz and his team for their work in preparing for this meeting.

The Education Committee meeting was adjourned by Regent Prince at 9:20 a.m.