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CALLING OF THE ROLL

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PRESENT: Regents Desmond Adongo, Amy Bogost, Jim Kreuser, Edmund Manydeeds, Tim Nixon, Tom Palzewicz, Ashok Rai, Sara Rogers, Amy Traynor, Jill Underly, Karen Walsh, and Kyle Weatherly

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regent Angela Adams, Noah Fritz, Haben Goitom, Joan Prince, and Jack Salzwedel

Regent Linda Terwilliger joined the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

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DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

Prior to the declaration of conflicts, President Bogost congratulated UW-Madison Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin on being selected as the next president of Columbia University. President Bogost said her legacy and impact will live on at UW-Madison after her departure and wished Chancellor Mnookin well on her future endeavors.

Before considering any items on the open session agenda, President Bogost 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.

UW SYSTEM: AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT AN ALL AGENCY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROJECT

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President Bogost called upon Deej Lundgren, Associate Vice President (AVP) for Capital Planning and Budget to present the first of three requests.

AVP Lundgren said the UW System was requesting approval to construct a \$2.69 million All Agency maintenance and repair project at UW-La Crosse to renovate and repurpose space within the Murphy Library. The project will transform previously vacant lower-level space, which was cleared following a flooding incident, into a consolidated, modern Learning Center that will bring together multiple tutoring and academic support functions.

Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Resolution 12431. The motion was seconded by Regent Fritz and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Construct an All Agency Maintenance and Repair Project, UW System

Resolution 12431 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to construct a maintenance and repair project at an estimated total cost of \$2,690,000 (Cash).

Regent Terwilliger joined the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

UW SYSTEM: AUTHORITY TO DEMOLISH 1800 UNIVERSITY AVENUE AT UW-MADISON

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AVP Lundgren said the UW System was requesting approval to demolish the vacant building at 1800 University Avenue on the UW-Madison campus, using \$416,200 in State of Wisconsin Segregated Revenue from the 2023-25 Multi-Building Demolition Program. He said Removing the structure will allow the site to be reconstructed for interim use as additional faculty and staff parking, with landscaped green space surrounding it. The approach preserves flexibility for future development while addressing current operational needs.

Regent Walsh moved for the adoption of Resolution 12432. The motion was seconded by Regent Palzewicz.

Regent Walsh asked for clarification on the current building's location, which AVP Lundgren said was to the east of the University of Wisconsin Foundation Building, and to the North of Camp Randall. AVP Lundgren also clarified that the parking spaces would be allotted to UW-Madison, not the UW Foundation.

The motion to approve Resolution 12432 was approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Demolish 1800 University Avenue at UW-Madison

Resolution 12432 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes \$416,200 State of Wisconsin Segregated Revenue for demolition of 1800 University Avenue at UW-Madison.

UW-OSHKOSH: AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT THE POLK LIBRARY FACILITY RENEWAL PROJECT

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AVP Lundgren said the UW system was requesting approval to construct the Polk Learning Commons Addition & Renovation at UW-Oshkosh, a \$137.6 million project funded entirely with General Fund Supported Borrowing. He said the project replaces the deteriorated 1962 portion of Polk Library with a smaller, modern learning commons addition and fully renovates the 1969 wing, including a new energy-efficient exterior. Additionally, AVP Lundgren said the project addresses significant infrastructure failures, life safety deficiencies, and accessibility issues present in the existing building, while creating a flexible, future focused learning environment that strengthens instructional, research, and student support capabilities.

Regent Nixon moved for the adoption of Resolution 12433. The motion was seconded by Regent Rai.

Regent Walsh asked for clarification on the project addressing, "life safety deficiencies." AVP Lundgren said that the terminology used was to address the HVAC system's functionality and meeting current code requirements.

Regent Walsh asked UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Manohar Singh about the long-term plans for the Polk Learning Commons.

Chancellor Singh said that the future of the library aligns with long-range plans to modernize how knowledge is discovered, processed, and shared. He said the new library will support the university's vision of being a technologically infused institution focused on research, instruction, and innovation. He also emphasized the library's role as a community anchor. He said the project invites the public back onto campus and is intended to serve not only students and faculty but also the broader community by providing open access to resources.

Regent Walsh noted the rapidly changing definition and use of libraries, and said that future library projects brought to the Board should consider what their use would look like 5-10 years after the project has finished.

The motion to approve Resolution 12433 was approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Construct the Polk Learning Commons Addition & Renovation Project, UW-Oshkosh

Resolution 12433 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Oshkosh and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes construction of the Polk Learning Commons Addition & Renovation at an estimated total cost of \$137,572,000 (\$137,572,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/ Megan Wasley

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