

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

Thursday, March 5, 2026
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via Zoom Videoconference

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CALLING OF THE ROLL

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PRESENT: Regents Desmond Adongo, Amy Bogost, Haben Goitom, James Kreuser, Edmund Manydeeds, Timothy Nixon, Tom Palzewicz, Joan Prince, Ashok Rai, Sara Rogers, Linda Terwilliger, Amy Traynor, Jill Underly, Karen Walsh, and Kyle Weatherly

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Angela Adams, Noah Fritz, and Jack Salzwedel

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DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

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.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

[\[Recording: 01:40\]](#)

Chancellor Search Updates

President Bogost reported that Robert Brinkmann was approved by the Board on February 25, 2026, as the new chancellor of UW-Stevens Point, effective July 1, 2026. Dr. Brinkman has degrees from both UW-Oshkosh and UW-Milwaukee and comes to UW-Stevens Point from Northern Illinois University, where he served as the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

President Bogost reported that the UW-Eau Claire Chancellor Search and Screen Committee, Chaired by Regent Karen Walsh, is preparing for semifinalists interviews later in the month.

Regent Walsh said there had been great interest in the UW-Eau Claire chancellor position and highlighted UW-Eau Claire's engagement in the community and partnerships with industry and business.

Regent Business Partner Awards

President Bogost congratulated UW-La Crosse and Emplify Health by Gunderson and Mayo Clinic HealthSystem on being awarded Regent Business Partner Awards in February 2026. She said Emplify and Mayo were both supporters of the Prairie Springs Science Center Phase II Project and thanked them for their critical support of the development.

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REPORT OF THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT

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State, Federal, and Other Updates

President Rothman reported that Congress rejected many of the proposed reductions in funding to higher education for FY26 and that the UWs have been engaging Wisconsin's Congressional delegation on the importance of sustained investments in higher education for FY27. President Rothman also reported that preparations for the 2027-29 biennial budget cycle have begun.

Strategic Plan Update

President Rothman reported that the first UW Involvement Network (UWIN) event of 2026 was held, sponsored by the Greater Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce, HeartWorks, and UW-Eau Claire. He said the event brought together more than 80 participants, including UW-Eau Claire faculty and staff, local business and community leaders, and UW-Eau Claire alumni. President Rothman said attendees could hear directly from young professionals about the role UW-Eau Claire played in shaping their lives and careers.

Outreach Initiatives

President Rothman reported that the 22nd annual Research in the Rotunda event would be taking place at the Capitol on March 11, 2026, and will showcase how undergraduate research transforms learning.

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

[\[Recording: 14:08\]](#)

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

Regent Rai reported that the Business & Finance Committee approved an IT project and its addition to the UW Strategic Plan for Major IT Projects and approved a UW-Milwaukee agreement with Collegiate Licensing Company. He said the committee also received the 2025 Q4 report from the UW Office of Trust Funds.

Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12447 and 12448. The motion was seconded by Regent Walsh and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Amendment to UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects

Resolution 12447 That, upon the recommendation the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the IT project to implement the provisions of the core general education requirements policy and its inclusion as an amendment to the UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects.

UW-Milwaukee Contractual Agreement with Learfield Sub-Collegiate Licensing Company, LLC

Resolution 12448 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 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-Milwaukee, and the Learfield Sub-Collegiate Licensing Company, LLC d/b/a CLC. The Board of Regents also approves and authorizes UW-Milwaukee to enter into one (1) two-year extension of this contract.

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REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 16:13\]](#)

President Bogost called upon Regent Prince to present a report of actions taken by the Education Committee.

Regent Prince reported that the Education Committee approved revisions to Regent Policy Document (RPD) 4-12, Academic Program Planning, Review, and Approval in the University of Wisconsin System. She said the proposed revisions update policy to include commonly accepted minimum credit hour requirements for degree types conferred by UW institutions. The revisions also allow for the development of academic degree programs that are less than the minimum credit hour requirements when justified. The proposed changes align with the revised Higher Learning Commission (HLC) assumed practices that went into effect on September 1, 2025, and allow UW institutions the opportunity to develop reduced credit bachelor's degree programs.

Regent Prince moved for the adoption of Resolution 12449. The motion was seconded by Regent Rai and approved on a voice vote.

Regent Policy Document Review: RPD 4-12, "Academic Program Planning, Review, and Approval in the University of Wisconsin System"

Resolution 12449 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the amendment of Regent Policy Document 4-12, "Academic Program Planning, Review, and Approval in the University of Wisconsin System," to establish standards for the required credit hours associated with degree types conferred by the UW System institutions.

DISCUSSION: UNIVERSITIES OF WISCONSIN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FRAMEWORK

[\[Recording: 18:49\]](#)

President Bogost called upon President Rothman to continue a conversation from the February 2026 meeting on Artificial Intelligence (AI).

President Rothman reshared the UWs key priorities surrounding AI with the Board:

- Preparing students for an AI-enabled world by emphasizing durable skills such as critical thinking, communication, adaptability, problem-solving, and AI literacy guided by strong ethical standards;
- Using AI to support enrollment, student success, degree completion, career readiness, and administrative applications;
- Supporting faculty and instructors with professional development and trusted AI tools for teaching and research;
- Establishing an AI Hub to support technology procurement, monitor emerging trends, ensure best practice sharing, and facilitating compliance;
- Improving operational efficiency while recognizing that AI complements but does not replace human judgment and experience; and
- Supporting Wisconsin through broad AI literacy efforts while convening partners across business, entrepreneurship, and workforce development.

He said high-level guidance was developed to help inform how the UWs will approach AI in the classroom and a 2027-2029 budget request was being prepared relating to AI that would support implementation of the guidelines and investing in AI.

President Bogost emphasized that the Board's responsibility regarding AI work is to the students. She said this includes ensuring student expectations are met, that AI literacy is prioritized across disciplines, and that graduates are prepared to use new tools, and to think critically and ethically about AI use. President Bogost noted that important questions remain to be answered about how the Board can continue to champion the resources necessary to support this work through professional development, infrastructure, and thoughtful investment, so that innovation is sustainable and equitable across the UWs.

Regent Adongo said he is optimistic about the potential for the UWs to be a leader in the AI space after being involved in Senior Associate Vice President Britz's AI working group, which is developing a more structured, student-centered approach built around the key pillars presented by President Rothman. He asked for updates and reports on progress and

milestones to ensure initiatives are advancing. Regent Adongo said he felt a Regent Policy would not be a good idea due to how rapidly the AI space is changing.

Regent Prince said she would like an AI plan with defined metrics, a timeline, and budget considerations. She also noted that AI related requests that come through the Education Committee, like degree programs, should align with the UWs AI key priorities.

Regent Rai agreed with Regent Adongo, that AI technology is evolving too rapidly for a Regent Policy to be made around it. He noted the importance of the UWs having a clearly communicated plan surrounding AI.

Regent Nixon said he felt the Board needed to more urgently provide guidance to the UW campuses on AI use.

Regent Goitom expressed her support for the development of a framework outlining acceptable AI use in the classroom, to provide clear consistent guidance across the UWs.

Regent Adongo said the working group on AI was addressing many of the concerns brought forward by the regents and he looked forward to the group sharing its findings and guidance with the Board. He noted the importance of providing professional development opportunities for faculty to get training on AI and its use.

CLOSED SESSION

[\[Recording: 44:39\]](#)

President Bogost called upon Vice President Weatherly to read the motion to move into closed session. The motion was seconded by Regent Kreuser and adopted on a roll call vote with Regents Adongo, Bogost, Goitom, Kreuser, Manydeeds, Nixon, Palzewicz, Prince, Rai, Rogers, Traynor, Underly, Walsh, and Weatherly voting in the affirmative. Regent Terwilliger did not vote due to a technical issue. There were no dissenting votes.

Closed Session Resolution

Resolution 12450 That the Board of Regents move into closed session to consider personal histories related to UW-Eau Claire honorary degree nominations, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats.

During the closed session, Regent Traynor recused herself from discussion and left the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Submitted by:

/s/ _____

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