

Restructuring of UW Colleges and UW-Extension:
Transfer of the Department of Labor Education to UW-Madison

BOARD OF REGENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution 2.b.:

WHEREAS the Board of Regents approved Resolution 10956 in November 2017 regarding the restructuring of UW Colleges and UW-Extension to include moving the UW-Extension's Division of Broadcasting and Media Innovations; Division of Business and Entrepreneurship; and Division of Continuing Education, Outreach, and E-Learning to UW System Administration; and

WHEREAS UW-Extension's Division of Continuing Education, Outreach, and E-Learning includes the Department of Labor Education, the oldest continuously-operating, university-based labor education program in the United States, which has long brought the three components of the Wisconsin Idea – teaching, research, and outreach – to thousands of workers, unions, and employers throughout Wisconsin, the nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS the mission of the Department of Labor Education – to “empower working people and labor organizations at the job site, in the national economy, and in the global economic system through a comprehensive program of lifelong adult learning opportunities” by offering courses and programming to union members and leaders, as well as employer representatives – better aligns with the teaching and service mission of the University of Wisconsin-Madison;

WHEREAS the Department of Labor Education includes tenured and tenure-track faculty, and the University of Wisconsin System Administration is not an educational institution with tenure procedures or protocols; and

WHEREAS the Department of Labor Education provides labor education courses, training and consulting services around the nation in response to market demands; and

WHEREAS the Department of Labor Education must generate revenues sufficient to provide the courses, training and consulting services offered; and

WHEREAS the UW-Madison Division of Continuing Studies will serve as the new administrative home for the Department of Labor Education, to be renamed in the future, and the Division of Continuing Studies shall be authorized to hire and retain tenured faculty and offer courses for credit and degrees;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that effective July 1, 2018, the Department of Labor Education will be moved to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, amending the action taken with the approval of Resolution 10956 in November 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chancellor of UW-Madison is authorized to implement this resolution.