

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

Thursday, September 26, 2024
1:00 p.m.

Ballroom A & B (Rooms 116/118)
UW-Parkside Student Center
930 Wood Road
Kenosha, Wisconsin

-President Bogost presiding-

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CALLING OF THE ROLL

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PRESENT: Regents Angela Adams, Desmond Adongo, Amy Bogost, Haben Goitom, James Kreuser, Timothy Nixon, Cris Peterson, Joan Prince, Ashok Rai, Jack Salzwedel, Amy Traynor, Mark Tyler, Karen Walsh, and Kyle Weatherly

Regent Edmund Manydeeds was present via Zoom during the calling of the roll but unable to record his presence due to technical difficulties.

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regents Evan Brenkus, Héctor Colón, and Jill Underly

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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.

APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF THE AUGUST 22-23, 2024 MEETING OF THE UW SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

[\[Recording: 00:00:58\]](#)

The record of the August 22-23, 2024 meeting of the UW System Board of Regents was approved as distributed.

UPDATES AND INTRODUCTIONS

[\[Recording: 00:01:14\]](#)

President Rothman welcomed and introduced Dr. Michael Martin, UW-River Falls interim Chancellor. Interim Chancellor Martin thanked President Rothman and the Board for the opportunity to serve and said he was a true believe in the transformational power of higher education.

President Rothman also welcomed and introduced Julie Gordon as UW Administration interim Vice President of Finance & Administration.

UW-Green Bay Chancellor Michael Alexander introduced Kent Bond, UW-Green Bay's new Chief Financial Officer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

[\[Recording: 00:07:07\]](#)

Report(s) of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board

The July 2024 report of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board had been provided. There were no comments or questions.

UW-Milwaukee and UW-River Falls Chancellor Search Updates

President Bogost said the members of the UW-Milwaukee Chancellor search and screen committee are expected to be announced in October.

President Bogost reported that the search for a new chancellor at UW-River Falls would be launched sometime later.

Regents Business Partnership Awards

President Bogost reported that on Friday, September 27, 2024, UW-Parkside and Snap-on would be presented with a Regent Business Partner Award in recognition of their relationship and collaborations.

Universities of Wisconsin Accomplishments

President Bogost invited Chancellors Schmidt, Mone, Frank, and King to highlight accomplishments on their respective UW campuses.

Chancellor Schmit reported on the grand opening of the UW-Eau Claire Sonnentag Center.

Chancellor Mone reported on the grand opening taking place Friday, September 27, 2024, for the new UW-Milwaukee Chemistry Building.

Chancellor Frank reported that UW-Stout received a significant federal grant to support vocational rehabilitation.

Chancellor King highlighted eight UW-Whitewater students who helped the U.S Men's Wheelchair Basketball team win gold at the 2024 Paralympic games in Paris.

President Bogost congratulated the chancellors and their campus communities on their noteworthy accomplishments.

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REPORT OF THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT

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Opportunity Tour Updates

President Rothman shared a brief video showing highlights from a recently concluded project celebrating UW faculty and staff with "shout outs" from students at each UW university. He said the UWs remain committed to recognizing and rewarding faculty and staff.

Strategic Plan Updates

President Rothman reported that beginning in the fall of 2024 each UW university will have two dedicated resources to be included in their new student orientation, which will help UW students understand academic freedom and freedom of expression on campus. These resources include a four-minute “Freedom of Expression” awareness video as well as a “Commitment to Academic Freedom and Free Expression” course for posting to the campus Canvas platform. President Rothman emphasized the UWs’ commitment to academic freedom and freedom of expression.

Legislative and Other Updates

President Rothman reported that the Legislative Council Study Committee on the Future of the University of Wisconsin met earlier that day, and affirmed that the UWs would continue to work with the committee providing information as needed.

President Rothman responded to a recent legislative memo regarding an increase in the number of UW employees over the last 30 years. He noted that the positions cited in the memo also include those funded by research grants, not just state-funded positions, and highlighted the continuously decreasing state funding for the UWs.

President Rothman reported that enrollment at the UWs increased by more than 1,000 students overall, including higher enrollments at eight UW universities and four branch campuses. He said it is the second straight year of increases, despite the challenges raised by the new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and a lack of funding for the Wisconsin Tuition Promise.

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 00:40:04\]](#)

President Bogost called upon Regent Adams to present a report from the Audit Committee.

Regent Adams said the Audit Committee heard a report on the annual internal audit plan, and summary reports on internal audit reports and of Integrity Hotline activity. The committee also heard a progress report on the process of monitoring and identifying whether corrective actions have been effectively implemented, or whether senior management has accepted the risk of not addressing comments from the Office of Internal

Audit, and a report from the Office of Compliance and Risk Management on progress under its Fiscal Year 2025 annual goals and areas of focus.

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

[\[Recording: 00:43:05\]](#)

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

Regent Rai said the Business & Finance Committee heard a host campus presentation from UW-Parkside entitled, "Using Strategic Operations & Shared Services to Improve Efficiencies and Organizational Outcomes." He said the Business & Finance Committee approved amendments to Regent Policy Documents (RPDs) 20-28 and RPD 20-27 related to the executive salary structure. The Business & Finance Committee also heard an update from the UW Office of Trust funds on the Quarter 2 investment report.

Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Resolution 12245. The motion was seconded by Regent Walsh and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Amendments to Regent Policy Documents 20-28, "Executive Salary Structure," and 20-27, "Selection Process for System President, Chancellors, Vice Chancellors and UW System Senior Leadership Positions"

Resolution 12245 That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the attached revisions to Regent Policy Documents 20-28 and 20-27.

REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CAPITAL PLANNING & BUDGET COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 00:45:40\]](#)

President Bogost called upon Regent Kreuser to present the report of actions taken by the Capital Planning & Budget Committee.

Regent Kreuser reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee approved the sale of two parcels of land, two new leases, three instructional space projects, 16 all agency projects, and five minor facility renewal projects. He said the Capital Planning & Budget

Committee also approved UW-Madison's request for a lease for the Rebecca M. Blank Center for Campus History and Student Affairs and UW-Madison's request for authority to complete the design and construct the UW Managed Grainger Hall 1st Floor Dining Expansion.

Regent Kreuser reported that the committee heard a host campus presentation from UW-Parkside, "Building for the Future," and heard a report from Senior Associate Vice President Alex Roe.

Regent Kreuser moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12246, 12247, 12248, 12249, 12250, 12251, 12252, 12253, and 12254. The motion was seconded by Regent Rai and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Sell a 1.9-Acre Parcel of Vacant Land, UW-Madison

Resolution 12246 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes the sale of a 1.9-acre parcel of vacant land located at the Pine Bluff Observatory in the Town of Cross Plains, Wisconsin.

Authority to Transfer Ownership of 44.27 Acres of Vacant Land to a Qualified Not-For-Profit Entity, UW-Milwaukee

Resolution 12247 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes the transfer of 44.27 acres of vacant land located in the Town of Hubbard, Dodge County, Wisconsin.

Authority to Enter into a Lease for Vacant Land for an Experiential Outdoor Classroom, UW-River Falls

Resolution 12248 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-River Falls and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes a lease for 72.312 acres of vacant land to establish a multidisciplinary experiential outdoor classroom in the Town of Gilman, Pierce County, Wisconsin

Authority to Enter into a Lease for Two Parking Lots, UW-Eau Claire

Resolution 12249 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Eau Claire and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents

authorizes a ten-year lease for 454 parking stalls located south of Putnam Park, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Authority to Construct 2023-25 Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology Improvement Program Projects, UW System

Resolution 12250 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves the allocation of 2023-25 Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology Improvement Program funds; authorizes construction of the related project at an estimated total cost of \$10,623,000 Segregated Fund Revenue of the originally enumerated \$46,604,000 Segregated Fund Revenue; and allows the Division of Facilities Development to transfer balances, adjust an individual project budget, and add or substitute other high-priority Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology projects within the authorized funding.

Authority to Construct All Agency Maintenance and Repair Projects, UW System

Resolution 12251 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to construct various maintenance and repair projects at an estimated total cost of \$35,824,300 (\$26,113,200 Segregated Revenue and \$9,711,100 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing).

Authority to Construct Minor Facilities Renewal Projects, UW System

Resolution 12252 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to construct various minor facilities renewal projects at an estimated total cost of \$32,875,000 (\$26,956,000 Segregated Revenue and \$5,919,000 Cash).

Authority to Enter into a Lease of Space Located at 353 East Campus Mall, UW-Madison

Resolution 12253 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes a lease of approximately 14,141 gross square feet for the Rebecca M. Blank Center for Campus History and Student Affairs located at 353 East Campus Mall located in Madison, Wisconsin.

Authority to Complete Design and Construct the UW Managed Grainger Hall 1st Floor Dining Expansion, UW-Madison

Resolution 12254 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes the completion of design and construction of the Grainger 1st Floor Dining Expansion project for an estimated total project cost of \$27,140,000 Gift & Grant Funds.

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REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 00:48:33\]](#)

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

Regent Prince said the Education Committee approved appointments to the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health Oversight and Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Partnership Program and heard a host campus presentation from UW-Parkside entitled, "Studying the Arts Drives Student Success."

Regent Prince said the Education Committee heard a report from Ben Passmore, UW Associate Vice President for Policy Analysis and Research, which included highlights from the 2024 Developmental Education Report. She said the Education Committee also heard from leaders in Continuing Education from four UW universities on how their programs are actively working to achieve the goals outlined in the UW Strategic Plan and strengthening Wisconsin's education pipeline through lifelong learning initiatives.

Regent Prince moved for the adoption of Resolution 12255. The motion was seconded by Regent Adams and approved on a voice vote.

Appointments to the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health Oversight and Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Partnership Program

Resolution 12255 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the reappointment of Dr. Elizabeth Felton and Dr. Manish Shah as representatives of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) and Cedric Johnson and Greg Nycz as public members to the SMPH Oversight and Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Partnership

Program for four year terms effective November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2028.

The Board recessed from 2:36 p.m. to 2:48 p.m.

HOST-CAMPUS PRESENTATION BY UW-PARKSIDE CHANCELLOR LYNN AKEY: “A FORWARD FOCUS WITH A LEGACY OF IMPACT”

[\[Recording: 00:52:39\]](#)

President Bogost invited Lynn Akey, Chancellor of UW-Parkside, to present to the Board.

Chancellor Akey showcased UW-Parkside’s deep commitment to student success, its pivotal role in the region, and a plan to elevate the university to a first-choice institution in the Milwaukee-Chicago corridor. She emphasized partnerships, community engagement, and forward-thinking strategies that will aid UW-Parkside in expanding its impact. UW-Parkside serves the highest percentage of low-income and first-generation students among the Universities of Wisconsin. With 38% of students receiving Pell Grants and 47% being the first in their families to attend college, the university has a critical role in providing transformative educational opportunities.

The Board recessed from 2:29 p.m. to 2:43 p.m.

UW ACADEMIC PROGRAM ARRAY: PLANNING, APPROVAL, AND REVIEW

[\[Recording: 01:27:48\]](#)

President Bogost invited Dr. Johannes Britz, UW Senior Vice President for Academic & Student affairs, to present to the Board on UW Academic Program Array, including the process for approving new academic programs, reviewing program changes and eliminations, and other monitoring and reporting actions.

Senior Vice President Britz was joined by Dr. Tracy Davidson, Associate Vice President of the Office of Academic Affairs; Dr. Ben Passmore, Associate Vice President for Policy Analysis and Research; Dr. Maria Cuzzo, UW-Superior Provost and Vice Chancellor for

Academic Affairs; and Dr. Laura Reynolds, UW-Platteville Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Senior Vice President (SVP) Britz provided an overview of SYS 102: Policy on University of Wisconsin System Array Management: Program Planning, Delivery, Review, and Reporting, and the collaborative process used to develop and consider feedback on the policy. Provost Reynolds provided an overview of the initial process to develop new program proposals before a university issues a notice of intent (NOI) to other universities in the system.

SVP Britz discussed the process and criteria used to determine whether a university received approval to plan a new program, and detailed the process used by the Office of Academic & Student Affairs to review requests for authorization prior to their submission for the UW's President's recommendation and final Board approval. Provost Cuzzo discussed how programs are implemented and monitored on an ongoing basis, which includes following the Continuous Program Monitoring policy and a report review by department chairs and the Faculty Senate to determine the success and health of a program.

SVP Britz outlined the process for program suspensions and eliminations, both of which are handled at the university level, as well as a program discontinuance resulting in faculty layoffs, which is governed by Board policy and requires Board approval. Associate Vice President (AVP) Davidson provided a summary of all program actions taken over the previous five years, which include newly implemented programs, eliminated or suspended programs, programs that have had their curriculum redirected, programs with distance education added, and programs with distance education eliminated.

Dr. Passmore shared an overview of the program array dashboard created and maintained by the Office of Policy Analysis & Research. The dashboard provides real-time data on programs that are approved, planned, suspended, eliminated, or redirected, and allows for detailed access to information.

SVP Britz and AVP Davidson discussed recent program trends by degree area (STEM, business, and other) and mode of delivery (in person and distance education), including the growth in collaborative degree programs between multiple universities.

Regent Walsh asked the panel to address the question of program duplication. Provost Reynolds emphasized the value of core disciplines of study and briefly explained the interconnectedness of programs when considering the topic of duplication. Provost Cuzzo agreed with Provost Reynolds and noted the struggle to effectively translate academic concepts into language that resonates with legislators and external audiences.

Regent Tyler asked about the level of detail within a Notice of Intent (NOI). Provosts Reynolds and Cuzzo clarified that an NOI is a brief overview meant to inform other UW universities of a proposed program and is part of a multi-stage assessment process.

Regent Nixon asked about duplication of programs within the Universities of Wisconsin. When discussing duplication, Provost Reynolds said it is important to recognize there are high-value programs with significant demand and impact as well as niche programs, and that both categories require different approaches and considerations in program development and evaluation. Dr. Passmore noted that what may be considered duplication is actually the UWs meeting student demand and expanding opportunities throughout different regions, noting that most Wisconsin students do not want to attend a university more than 100 miles from their home. He added that many core, high-value programs are crucial for addressing the state's workforce needs.

Regent Adams and Regent Prince left the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF BOARD OF REGENTS 2024 UNIVERSITY STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

[\[Recording: 02:48:19\]](#)

President Bogost called upon Regent Jack Salzwedel, a member of the awards selection committee, to introduce the 2024 Board of Regents University Staff Excellence Awards.

Regent Salzwedel presented the first Regent University Staff Excellence Award in the individual category to Carissa Menke, UW-Platteville Senior Financial Specialist at the Cashier's Office.

Regent Traynor presented the second Regent University Staff Excellence Award in the individual category to Dirck Nagy, UW-La Crosse Library Assistant III at the Murphy Library.

Regent Adongo presented the Regent University Staff Excellence Award in the program category to the UW-Stout University Custodial Program.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR REGENT EMERITUS MIKE JONES'S SERVICE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

[\[Recording: 03:04:51\]](#)

President Bogost called upon Vice President Weatherly to read the Resolution of Appreciation for Regent Emeritus Mike Jones's Service on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, which was adopted by acclamation.

Resolution of Appreciation for Regent Emeritus Mike Jones's Service on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents

Resolution 12256 WHEREAS, Michael T. (Mike) Jones has served the citizens of Wisconsin with distinguished leadership during his seven years on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents from 2017 through 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mike served on numerous standing committees, including five years on the Business & Finance Committee (three years as vice chair), four years on the Capital Planning & Budget Committee (two years as chair), three years on the Audit Committee (one year as vice chair), and two years on the Education Committee (both as vice chair); and

WHEREAS, Mike graciously lent his legal expertise as a member of the Personnel Matters Review Committee, the Committee on Student Discipline and Other Student Appeals, and as the Regent member of the Hospital Authority Board; and

WHEREAS, Mike helped to ensure strong leadership throughout the Universities of Wisconsin, serving on three Chancellor Search & Screen Committees for UW-Madison, UW-Platteville, and UW-Whitewater, in addition to serving on the UWs President Search & Screen Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mike championed the recognition of outstanding UWs educators and staff, serving for one year on the Academic Staff Excellence Awards Committee and six years on the Teaching Excellence Awards Committee, including one year as chair; and

WHEREAS, Mike—a proud Badger—earned his undergraduate degree from UW-Madison and devoted his law career and legal acumen to Wisconsin businesses, in addition to serving as chair or board director for multiple community and civic organizations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby offers heartfelt thanks and commendation to Michael T. Jones for his dedicated service and achievements as a member of the UW Board of Regents.

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO UW-PARKSIDE FOR HOSTING THE SEPTEMBER 2024 MEETING

[\[Recording: 03:08:46\]](#)

President Bogost called upon Regent Kreuser to read the Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Parkside for hosting the September 2024 meeting, which was adopted by acclamation.

Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Parkside for Hosting the September 2024 meeting

Resolution 12257 WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Regents are pleased to recognize the University of Wisconsin–Parkside as the official host campus for the Board’s September 2024 meeting, and are grateful for the generous hospitality extended this month by Chancellor Lynn Akey and the entire Ranger community; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciated hearing Chancellor Akey’s presentation, “A Forward Focus With A Legacy of Impact” celebrating UW-Parkside’s real-world experiences that contribute to student success and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee thanks Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor Matt Cecil for his presentation showing how “Studying the Arts Drives Student Success;” and

WHEREAS, the members of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee appreciated hearing details about how UW-Parkside is building for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Business and Finance Committee thanks Vice Chancellor of Operations Sheronda Glass and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Phil Hirsh for their presentation on using strategic operations and shared services to improve efficiencies and organizational outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Board looks forward to celebrating Chancellor Akey's inauguration with the campus community in an evening that promises to illustrate the theme, "Moments That Define Us;"

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby thanks UW-Parkside for this month's informative presentations, its "Forward Focus" and innovative spirit, and its many continued contributions to the Universities of Wisconsin and to the state.

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REGENT COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND MEMORIALS

There were no communications, petitions, or memorials.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

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Submitted by:

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Office of the Board of Regents
University of Wisconsin System