

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

Friday, February 7, 2025
8:45 a.m.

Varsity Hall II, 2nd Floor
UW-Madison Union South
1308 W. Dayton St
Madison, Wisconsin
& via Zoom Videoconference

-President Bogost presiding-

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CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

PRESENT: Regents Angela Adams, Desmond Adongo, Amy Bogost, Héctor Colón, Haben Goitom, James Kreuser, Edmund Manydeeds, Timothy Nixon, Cris Peterson, Joan Prince, Ashok Rai (virtual), Jack Salzwedel, Mark Tyler, Jill Underly, Karen Walsh, and Kyle Weatherly

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regent Amy Traynor

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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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UW-MADISON STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: SHANTANU CHAUDHURI

[\[Recording: 00:01:26\]](#)

President Bogost invited Lori Reesor, UW-Madison Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, to introduce Shantanu Chaudhuri.

Mr. Chaudhuri, a UW-Madison senior majoring in computer engineering and computer science, shared about his experience attending UW-Madison and how the university taught him how to navigate the world and find meaning in community.

PANEL DISCUSSION: “EMPOWERING INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURIAL EXCELLENCE”

[\[Recording: 00:13:42\]](#)

President Bogost invited Jon Eckhardt, UW-Madison Special Advisor to the Chancellor for Entrepreneurship, to introduce a panel discussion on how major research universities like UW-Madison can empower innovation and entrepreneurship. The panelists included Jessica Martin Eckerly, CEO and co-founder of Forward BIOLABS; Erik Iverson, CEO of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation; Wes Schroll, CEO and founder of Fetch; and Keiran Furlong, CEO and founder of Realta Fusion.

Mr. Eckhardt provided an overview of how Chancellor Mnookin’s new strategy for entrepreneurship focused on founders has the potential to enhance all forms of entrepreneurship on the UW-Madison campus. The panel discussed their direct experience with entrepreneurship at UW-Madison and shared stories of impact. They also offered perspectives on UW-Madison’s new entrepreneurship strategy, and how innovation and entrepreneurship are essential for economic development.

Regents and panelists discussed UW-Madison’s statewide impact, how to support networking and funding opportunities, as well as strategies for nurturing entrepreneurship among undergraduate and graduate students at UW-Madison.

PRESENTATION OF REGENTS BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP AWARD TO UW-MADISON AND AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE

[\[Recording: 01:22:42\]](#)

President Bogost began the presentation of Regents Business Partnership awards to UW-Madison and American Family Insurance by noting the decades-long partnership between the two organizations. Chancellor Mnookin spoke on behalf of UW-Madison and Matt Maryl, Vice President for Strategy Performance & Partnerships, spoke on behalf of American Family Insurance. Both highlighted the innovation and collaboration throughout the partnership. President Rothman noted the importance of the partnership between UW-Madison and American Family Insurance to the Wisconsin economy and talent pipeline.

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

[\[Recording: 01:36:02\]](#)

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

Regent Manydeeds reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee approved a UW-Green Bay to sell approximately 80 acres of vacant land located in Door County. The Capital Planning & Budget Committee also approved two All Agency maintenance and repair projects at UW-Madison and UW-Stevens Point.

Regent Manydeeds said the Capital Planning & Budget Committee heard a presentation from UW-Madison, "Building for the Future," which focused on the criticality of the built environment to the university's mission of research, education, and outreach.

Regent Manydeeds reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee heard an update from Senior Associate Vice President Alex Roe on the recent State Building Commission actions and schedule for the next steps in the capital budgeting process.

Regent Manydeeds moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12295 and 12296. The motion was seconded by Regent Peterson and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Sell Approximately 80 Acres of Vacant Land Located in Door County, UW-Green Bay

Resolution 12295 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Green Bay and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves the sale of two approximately 40-acre parcels of unimproved land located in Door County, Wisconsin.

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

Resolution 12296 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 \$4,684,000 (\$4,161,300 Segregated Revenue and \$522,700 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing).

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REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 01:38:26\]](#)

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 seven degree programs as part of its consent agenda. The Education Committee also approved revisions to the faculty personnel rules in UW-Stout's Faculty, Academic Staff, and Limited Appointees Handbook.

Regent Prince said the Education Committee heard from two panels on the topic of AI. The first panel provided an overview of AI's rapid development, while the second panel, including students from UW-Madison, focused on the student experience with AI.

Regent Prince moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12297, 12298, 12299, 12300, 12301, 12302, and 12303. The motion was seconded by Regent Underly and approved on a voice vote.

Regent Prince then moved separately for the adoption of Resolution 12304, which was seconded by Regent Tyler.

Regent Nixon expressed his concern in authorizing a criminal justice program at UW-Green Bay when it is close in proximity to UW-Oshkosh, which already has a criminal justice program, and voiced his opposition to the resolution.

Regent Tyler said he shared some of Regent Nixon's concerns regarding program array, but felt expanding the offering of a criminal justice program in Northeast Wisconsin helps to address workforce needs.

Regent Prince noted the proposed UW-Green Bay program has interested students, as many have completed the minor already available. She agreed that the addition of the

criminal justice program would help address workforce needs and outweigh the concern for the distance between the two universities.

Regent Colón thanked Regent Nixon for raising an important concern but said after hearing from Regent Tyler and Regent Prince he would be in support of the new UW-Green Bay program.

Regent Salzwedel noted the shifting demographics over the next 10-15 years and agreed that Regent Nixon raised an important point, but said he would be in support of the resolution.

Resolution 12304 was approved on a voice vote.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence, University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire

Resolution 12297 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence program at the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Fine Arts in Dance University of Wisconsin–Madison

Resolution 12298 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Fine Arts in Dance program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Plant Science and Technology University of Wisconsin–Madison

Resolution 12299 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Plant Science and Technology program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Learning Analytics University of Wisconsin–Madison

Resolution 12300 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Learning Analytics program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Resolution 12301 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science program at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Resolution 12302 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience program at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Approval of UW-Stout Revised Faculty, Academic Staff, and Limited Appointees Handbook

Resolution 12303 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of University of Wisconsin-Stout and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the UW System Board of Regents approves the revised University of Wisconsin-Stout Faculty, Academic Staff, and Limited Appointees Handbook.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, University of Wisconsin–Green Bay

Resolution 12304 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Green Bay and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice program at the University of Wisconsin–Green Bay.

REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 01:57:08\]](#)

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

Regent Adams reported that the Audit Committee heard an update on the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Plan Progress Report and the summarized results of audits recently issued. She said the Audit Committee received a demonstration of Internal Audit's new K10 Vision cloud-based audit management system and heard the Office of Information Security Annual Report.

Regent Adams reported that the Audit Committee discussed updates to the Board of Regents Audit Committee Charter and revisions to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents to rename the Audit Committee the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee. She said the Audit Committee also discussed updates to the Office of Internal Audit Charter. Lastly, Regent Adams said the Audit Committee received the UW-Madison NCAA Division I Athletics Report.

Regent Adams moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12305 and 12306. The motion was seconded by Regent Nixon and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Revisions to the Audit Committee Charter, and Approval of Revisions to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents to Rename the Audit Committee

Resolution 12305 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the updated Audit Committee Charter, consistent with the Institute of Internal Auditors' Global Internal Audit Standards, and approves the attached revisions to Article V (Sections 1, 3, and 6) of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents to change the name of the Audit Committee to the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee.

Approval of Update to the Office of Internal Audit Charter

Resolution 12306 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the updated Office of Internal Audit Charter, consistent with the Institute of Internal Auditors' Global Internal Audit Standards.

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

[\[Recording: 02:02:10\]](#)

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 heard a host campus presentation from UW-Madison titled, "Setting a Strong Financial Foundation for UW-Madison."

Regent Rai said the Business & Finance Committee approved an agreement and a memorandum of agreement, both on behalf of UW-Milwaukee, as well as the UW Status Report on Large or High-Risk Information Technology Projects and the Strategic Plans for Major IT Projects. He reported that the Business & Finance Committee heard a presentation on the UW Student Affordability Review; received a report on gifts, grants, and contracts; received the mid-year Budget-to-Actuals Report; and received the 2024 Q3 report from the UW Office of Trust Funds.

Lastly, Regent Rai reported that the Business & Finance Committee, approved revisions to Regent Policy Document 20-27, "Selection Process for System President, Chancellors, Vice Chancellors and UW System Senior Leadership Positions."

Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12307, 12308, 12309, 12310, and 12311. The motion was seconded by Regent Colón and approved on a voice vote.

UW-Milwaukee Contractual Agreement with ReUp Education, Inc.

Resolution 12307 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 ReUp Education, Inc.

UW-Milwaukee Contractual Agreement with Scot Industries, Inc.

Resolution 12308 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 Memorandum of Agreement: Research Vessel Gift and Laboratories Naming Agreement between Scot Industries, Inc., the Board of Regents of the University

of Wisconsin System, on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and the UWM Foundation, Inc.

UW System Status Report on Large/High-Risk Information Technology Projects

Resolution 12309 That, upon the recommendation the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves: (1) the UW System Status Report on Large/High-Risk Information Technology Projects dated February 6, 2025; and (2) UW System Administration's submittal of the report on the Board's behalf to the legislative Joint Committee on Information Policy and Technology, as required by s. 36.59(7), Wis. Stats.

UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects

Resolution 12310 That, upon the recommendation the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves: (1) the UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects; and (2) UW System Administration's submittal of the report on the Board's behalf to the legislative Joint Committee on Information Policy and Technology, as required by s. 36.59(7), Wis. Stats.

Amendments to Regent Policy Document 20-27, "Selection Process for System President, Chancellors, Vice Chancellors, and UW System Senior Leadership Positions"

Resolution 12311 That the Board of Regents approves the attached revisions to Regent Policy Document 20-27, "Selection Process for System President, Chancellors, Vice Chancellors and UW System Senior Leadership Positions."

Regent Underly left the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM (ATP) WORKDAY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

[\[Recording: 02:07:13\]](#)

President Bogost invited the Executive Sponsors and Executive Director for the Administrative Transformation Program (ATP) to present an update to the Board.

Julie Gordon, Universities of Wisconsin Interim Vice President for Finance & Administration; Rob Cramer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration; and Steven Hopper, Universities of Wisconsin Associate Vice President for Learning and Information Technology, provided the Board with an update on the implementation status and overall readiness of the ATP to go live in July 2025. The project is expected to standardize processes, organize roles, and modernize technology with Workday cloud-based enterprise resource planning software.

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

[\[Recording: 02:44:44\]](#)

President Bogost called upon Regent Walsh to read the Resolution of Appreciation for Regent Emeritus Robert Atwell's service on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, which was adopted by acclamation. Regent Emeritus Atwell then shared his farewell remarks with the Board.

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

Resolution 12312 WHEREAS, Robert (Bob) Atwell 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, Bob's 34 years of experience as a banker in the state of Wisconsin contributed to his strong advocacy for financial transparency and thoughtful stewardship practices during his seven years on the Business & Finance Committee, including two years as vice chair, as well as his service on the Business & Finance Committee Subcommittee on Investments; and

WHEREAS, as chair of the Research, Economic Development & Innovation Committee, Bob supported advancing the roles of research and business and industry partnerships, significant components of the UW's mission; and

WHEREAS, Bob served on several other standing committees, including the Audit Committee, the Personnel Matters Review

Committee, and the Committee on Student Discipline and Other Student Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Bob—a staunch advocate for advancing excellence—highlighted the efforts and contributions of outstanding faculty and staff throughout the Universities of Wisconsin, serving on the Board’s Academic Staff Excellence Awards Committee and Diversity Awards Committee; and

WHEREAS, Bob helped select strong university leadership, chairing the Special Regent Committee and the Search & Screen Committee for the UW-Green Bay Chancellor Search; and

WHEREAS, Bob was a tireless advocate for incorporating civil discourse, critical thought, and mutual respect into public higher education, offering students opportunities to reach their full potential and become well-rounded, civically engaged members of their communities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby offers heartfelt thanks and commendation to Robert Atwell for his dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO UW-MADISON FOR HOSTING THE FEBRUARY 2025 MEETING

[\[Recording: 03:09:02\]](#)

President Bogost called upon Regent Salzwedel to read Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Madison for hosting the February 2025 meeting, which was adopted by acclamation.

Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Madison for Hosting the February 2025 Meeting

Resolution 12313 WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Regents are pleased to recognize the University of Wisconsin–Madison as the official host campus for the Board’s February 2025 meeting, and are grateful for the generous hospitality extended this month by Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin and the entire Badger community; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciated hearing Chancellor Mnookin's thought-provoking presentation about "Growing UW-Madison's Future;" and

WHEREAS, the Business and Finance Committee heard from Vice Chancellor Rob Cramer and Associate Vice Chancellor David Murphy about setting a strong financial foundation for UW-Madison and addressing challenges through innovation and continuous improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Planning and Budget Committee gained a deeper understanding of how UW-Madison is building for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee heard a timely presentation about Artificial Intelligence, titled "Shaping Tomorrow: Student Insights on AI's Impact;" and

WHEREAS, the Board was pleased to present a Regent Business Partnership Award to UW-Madison and American Family, recognizing their decades-long partnership based on innovation and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Board was inspired by a panel discussion on "Empowering Innovation and Entrepreneurial Excellence," about UW-Madison's efforts to strengthen entrepreneurial pathways, experiences, and outcomes, drawing on the findings of a study commissioned by Chancellor Mnookin; and

WHEREAS, the Board was delighted to hear from UW-Madison student Shantanu Chaudhuri, a Computer Engineering and Computer Science major; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciated the opportunity to tour the new Computer, Data & Information Sciences Building, currently under construction;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby thanks UW-Madison for this month's informative presentations, its forward-thinking spirit, and its many continued contributions to the Universities of Wisconsin and the entire state.

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REGENT COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND MEMORIALS

[\[Recording: 03:11:53\]](#)

There were no communications, petitions, or memorials.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

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Submitted by:

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Office of the Board of Regents
University of Wisconsin System