

# RECORD OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

Monday, April 29, 2024  
3:00 p.m.

via Zoom Videoconference

-President Walsh presiding-

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The recording of this meeting's open session is available at: [April 29, 2024 Webcast](#)

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## CALLING OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Regents Robert Atwell, Amy Bogost, Héctor Colón, Haben Goitom, Cris Peterson, Joan Prince, Ashok Rai, Amy Traynor, Mark Tyler, Jill Underly, and Karen Walsh

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 Angela Adams, Evan Brenkus, Mike Jones, James Kreuser, and Kyle Weatherly

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## DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

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

To avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, Regent Ashok Rai recused himself from the discussion and vote on Resolution 12179, "Authority to Enter into a Lease with Mayo Clinic Health System in the New Science and Health Sciences Building, UW-Eau Claire."

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## **APPROVAL OF THE UW-MILWAUKEE FACULTY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO LAYOFF AND TERMINATION OF TENURED FACULTY FOR REASONS OF PROGRAM DISCONTINUANCE**

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President Walsh called upon UW-Milwaukee Chancellor Mark Mone to present the first item on the agenda.

Chancellor Mone said he was requesting the Board approve the UW-Milwaukee Faculty Policies and Procedures Relating to Layoff and Termination of Tenured Faculty for Reasons of Program Discontinuance per Regent Policy Document (RPD) 20-24.

Chancellor Mone said the policies had been approved by the UW-Milwaukee Faculty Senate on April 18, 2024, and by himself and Provost Andrew Daire on April 19, 2024, before being submitted to the Universities of Wisconsin Office of General Counsel and Office of Academic & Student Affairs for review. He noted that this request is for a long-term policy, rather than a single situation.

Chancellor Mone said it was important to the Faculty Senate to define their role in the proposed procedures and add their input regarding which Faculty Senate committee would review a proposed program discontinuance, how seniority would be determined, and which Faculty Senate committee acts as a hearing body in case of any appeals related to a layoff decision. Although he noted that the Faculty Senate's recommendation is only advisory per RPD 20-24, Chancellor Mone thanked the University Committee of the Faculty Senate for their work on the proposal.

Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Resolution 12178. The motion was seconded by Vice President Bogost and approved on a voice vote.

### Approval of the UW-Milwaukee Faculty Policies and Procedures Relating to Layoff and Termination of Tenured Faculty for Reasons of Program Discontinuance

Resolution 12178      That, upon the 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 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Faculty Policies and Procedures relating to Layoff and Termination of Tenured Faculty for Reasons of Program Discontinuance.

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**AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM IN THE NEW SCIENCE AND HEALTH SCIENCES BUILDING, UW-EAU CLAIRE**

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President Walsh called upon Alex Roe, Senior Associate Vice President (SAVP) for Capital Planning and Budget to present the lease agreement between UW-Eau Claire and the Mayo Clinic Health System.

SAVP Roe said the UW entered into a partnership with Mayo Clinic in tandem with the development of the new Science and Health Sciences Building at UW-Eau Claire. She said the partnership provides hands-on, side-by-side collaboration with faculty and staff to advance projects and foster high-impact practices for student development. The Mayo Clinic provided \$13.7 million as a financial commitment to fund the design and construction of research, instructional, office, and meeting space for their researchers. She said the lease agreement with Mayo Clinic also has an option of two 10-year renewals, noting the agreement is somewhat unusual as Mayo Clinic is leasing space from UW-Eau Claire. SAVP Roe said the money paid to the UW will be transferred directly to the Department of Administration, per an agreed upon payment plan.

UW-Eau Claire Chancellor Jim Schmidt said the agreement was very exciting for UW-Eau Claire, and they were looking forward to the groundbreaking in June of 2024. He thanked SAVP Roe and the Office of Capital Planning & Budget, as well as the Office of General Counsel for their work on the agreement.

Vice President Bogost moved for the adoption of Resolution 12179. The motion was seconded by Regent Prince and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Enter into a Lease with Mayo Clinic Health System in the New Science and Health Sciences Building, UW-Eau Claire

Resolution 12179      That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Eau Claire and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves a lease of 10,000 square feet of research, instructional, office and meeting space to be occupied by Mayo Clinic Health System in the new Science and Health Sciences building.

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Submitted by:

/s/ Megan Wasley

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