

**UW System Board of Regents
Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 6, 2024**

Education Committee

The Education Committee convened from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm in person and via Zoom videoconference. Committee members in attendance were: Regents Weatherly, Prince, Goitom, Tyler, Underly, Brenkus, and Manydeeds. No Regent declared a conflict of interest regarding any of the items listed on the meeting agenda.

Item C. Proposed Consent Agenda: Given the number of agenda items to be covered during the meeting, the Chair requested a motion to move the following routine, non-controversial items to a consent agenda. Note: Items on a consent agenda may be acted upon by the committee in a single vote. Any Board Member may remove items from a consent agenda for separate discussion and consideration. The meeting agenda reflected the following eight items on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of the April 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes of the Education Committee
2. Approval of the Annual Request for Funding from the Vilas Trust Fund for UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee
3. UW-La Crosse: Approval of a Bachelor of Science in Food and Nutritional Science
4. UW-Madison: Approval of a Master of Social Work in Social Work – Advance Standing
5. UW-Madison: Approval of a Bachelor of Science in Agroecology
6. UW-River Falls: Approval of a Bachelor of Science in Community and Environmental Planning

All items remained on the consent agenda. A motion to approve item C was made by Regent Prince and seconded by Regent Underly. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Discussion: Dual Enrollment Task Force Report and Implementation. The co-chairs of the Dual Enrollment task force, UW Associate Vice Presidents Tracy Davidson and Julie Amon, along with executive sponsor and UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andy Leavitt presented a brief overview of the final report and discuss next steps to expand dual enrollment access and participation for students.

In response to the presentation, Regent Prince asked about the difference between a dual enrollment community of practice and a standing committee. AVP Amon explained that the former is comprised of campus professionals involved in day-to-day work, the latter is more of an advisory group. Chancellor Leavitt added that dual enrollment is a growing student segment, but currently only 7% of dual enrollment students enroll at UW Oshkosh. Regent Tyler also acknowledged the costs of dual enrollment, and the challenge and implications if students must pay the cost. Regents Prince and Brenkus encouraged the participation of students and parents in an advisory group.

E. Approval of Institutional Policies Regarding Campaigning in Residence Halls. UW UW General Counsel Quinn Williams presented a resolution, explaining that Wisconsin law requires the Board to promulgate rules prescribing the time, place, and manner in which political literature may be distributed and political campaigning may be conducted in state-owned residence halls. The Board promulgated UWS s. 18.11(9) of Wisconsin Administrative Code, requiring institutions to adopt policies permitting and regulating political campaign activities in the residence halls. The institutional policies are subject to review and approval by the Board of Regents by UWS 18.11(9)(c). The Board last reviewed and approved institutional policies on campaigning in residence halls for all UW universities in 1988.

He also stated that there have been no significant legal developments since 1988 requiring changes, but new threats to campus safety and evolving attitudes towards student privacy support updated approaches. The resident hall campaign policy update project is also part of an ongoing effort to review and update campus policies which under Wisconsin Administrative Code require Board submission, review, or approval. Each of the UW universities submitted proposed revisions updating their policies on campaigning in residence halls and summaries describing their processes.

A motion to approve item E. was made by Regent Manydeeds and seconded by Regent Goitom.

Regent Underly asked why make changes now if there are no new safety issues and if these policies are restricting activity. She also asked to bring the item back to a future meeting, and made a motion to table Item E.

The motion passed, with Regent Underly opposed.

F. Approval of the 2024 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status. Each spring, the Universities of Wisconsin Division of Academic and Student Affairs compiles data on tenure designations, promotions, and new tenured appointments made at the 13 UW institutions. The names of those faculty members who have been newly tenured, promoted, and hired with tenure for academic year 2023-24 are included. Regent action is the final step in the tenure process.

A motion to approve Item F. was made by Regent Manydeeds and seconded by Regent Tyler. The motion passed unanimously. The Regents congratulated the more than 450 faculty members who have been newly tenured, promoted, and hired with tenure.

G. Host Presentation By UW-Milwaukee: "Amplifying Remarkable Potential" UW-Milwaukee Provost Andrew Daire, along with UW-Milwaukee students Hailey Beaty and David Loeza, described the unique position of UW-M as one of just 78 universities in the country with both the Research 1 and Community Engagement classifications from Carnegie. They described the value of engaging students in research. Regent Prince congratulated the students and the importance of showing the practical value of facilities and other Regent work.

H. Universities of Wisconsin Division of Academic and Student Affairs: End-of-Year Review, Strategic Updates, and Look Ahead

Interim Senior Vice President Johannes Britz provided an overview of strategic initiatives undertaken during the 2023-24 fiscal year aligned to the UW Strategic Plan, and shared updates, progress, and priorities for the 2024-25 year. He shared how the Division of Academic and Student Affairs supports multiple initiatives to address priorities of strategic enrollment planning, online growth, student advising and support, innovation, workforce development, and sustainability.

Regent Tyler asked how many schools are participating in direct admissions. AVP Amon explained that approximately 75% of Wisconsin high school students are in participating schools, a map is available to see the full participation and that other schools will be invited in the next phase of implementation.

Regent Weatherly thanked UW staff and campuses for their work on these initiatives and in informing Regents and preparing for Board of Regents meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.