

UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN
LA CROSSE

Report of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Faculty Representative
Thursday, April 11, 2019

A. DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THE UW BOARD OF REGENTS

Summary, Meeting of April 4-5, 2019, UW-Madison

1) Education Committee agenda items included:

- A report on the UW System Task Force for Advancing Teacher Education and School Leadership in Wisconsin.
- A Colleges/Extension Restructuring Update.
- Approval of two collaborative degree programs: a Master of Science in Applied Biotechnology and a Master of Science in Information Technology Management.

2) Our Interests in the Actions of the Education Committee:

- i. All of the recommendation of the Education Committee were approved by the full Board of Regents at the Friday meeting.
 - ii. The UW-La Crosse Faculty Representative is particularly interested in any program approvals by the Board in which our faculty and staff may have an interest.
 - iii. The UW-La Crosse Faculty Representative has taken particular interest in the workings of the UW System Task Force for Advancing Teacher Education. Senator Kosiak has indicated she may attend the Task Force's scheduled listening session at UW-Eau Claire [scheduled for Monday, April 15 @ 5:30 PM]. **Comments regarding the TF's work the may be made online @ <https://www.wisconsin.edu/teacher-education/public-input/>.**
- 3) Other actions [Friday session] included:**
- a. Increase in the Salary Range for the University of Wisconsin System President position. The Salary Range for the position of UW System President was raised from \$399,000-\$598,500 to \$489,334-\$734,000 [at the lowest end of the range, this is an increase of approximately 23%]ⁱ.
 - b. Several Regents Teaching Awards were made. [These awards may be made to individual faculty, or to departments].
 - c. Recognition of the service of Congressman Bryan Steil [Wisconsin's 1st Congressional District] to the University of Wisconsin Board of regents. Congressman Steil left the Board in December, 2018 after winning an election to his current congressional seat.

Other Board-Related Items of Interest

1. **The UW-Whitewater Chancellor Search.** The UW-Whitewater Chancellor Search Committee met @ 12:00 Noon on Friday, April 5. That meeting was supposed to have produced the first list of potential candidates. [No such list has been made public as of April 11, 2019].
2. **The UW-Stout Chancellor Search.** The UW-Stout Chancellor Search Committee has been formed. Two UW-Stout faculty have been appointed to committee.
3. **Shifts in Personnel on the BOR.**
 - a. A new DPI board member [the first regent of the Evers Era]. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction serves on the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, as a voting

member. **Carolyn Stanford Taylor** was recently appointed by Governor Evers to the position of Acting DPI Superintendent. She replaces Evers, the former Superintendent of the DPI, on the UW System Board of Regents.

- b. Regents whose terms expire in May, 2019. **Regents John Behling, Regina Millner, and Ryan Ring** [a student regent from UW-Eau Claire].
- c. Regents with contested tenures. During the Wisconsin legislative “lame duck” session of 2018, Governor Walker made a number of appointments to various boards and offices. The Evers Administration has challenged these appointments, including two appointments to the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents: **Scott Beightol** to a term that ends in May, 2023 [replacing former Regent Bryan Steil?]; and Torrey Tiedeman, a student enrolled at UW-Madison, to a term that ends in May 2020. The legality of the appointments of Beightol and Tiedeman – along with other “lame duck” session appointments – is now being decided by the courts.

B. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **The UW System’s Office of Academic Affairs plans to release the updated draft of SYS 102 in Fall, 2019** [not in Spring, 2019, as was originally planned].
- **Regent Jose Delgado reports that he had a very successful and enjoyable visit to our campus recently.** Regent Delgado visited UW-La Crosse on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. Through the support of Chancellor Gow’s office, he met with representatives of staff, faculty, students and administrators.
- **The Wisconsin Legislative Joint Finance Committee is holding public hearings on the 2019-21 State Budget.** The first meeting was held at the Pontiac Convention Center on Friday, April 5. The meeting was attended by Chancellor Gow [and Bob H?]. **If interested, faculty may comment at BudgetComments@legis.wisconsin.gov.** As most faculty are aware, the 2019-21 Budget is facing serious contention between Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly leadership. The resolution of issues around the budget will likely delay final approval of funding for 2019-21, and the conflicts between the governor and legislators may affect some of the budget items related to the UW System and its campuses.
- **Restructuring, Colleges and Extension.** The activities related to Colleges Restructuring are now centered on the former Colleges and Extension, and their receiving institutions. Important issues to watch include the rectification of differences in curricular matters, course content and course numbering, and faculty promotion and tenure issues.

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ⁱ In public statements to the media, President Cross’ staff has apparently indicated that he has not accepted pay increases since being appointed to his current position in 2014, and he does not plan to accept a pay increase at this time.