

UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN
LA CROSSE

Report of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Faculty Representative

Report, July 23, 2019

A. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN JULY

1. The State Budget Approved. One of the most significant developments for July, 2019 is that Governor Evers signed the 2019-21 state budget [July 3]. Commentaries regarding the budget from political leaders of both major parties, educational leaders, and others, may be found at:
<https://fox6now.com/2019/07/03/gov-tony-evers-signs-wisconsin-budget-with-78-partial-vetoes/>
The most note-worthy change that Governor Evers' made to the budget was his increase in funding to K-12 education over what the Wisconsin state legislature had originally passed.
2. The State Budget and the UW System. In his original budget address, Governor Evers had proposed an additional \$150,000,000 for the UW System in FY 2019/21, including approximately \$50,000,000 to fund the undergraduate tuition freeze. The budget passed by the Wisconsin Legislature provided significantly less to the UW-System than what was originally proposed by Evers. No significant change was made to the Joint Finance Committee's proposed allocation to the UW System by Governor Evers when he signed the budget on July 3.

B. DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THE UW BOARD OF REGENTS

Summary, Meeting of July 11-12, 2019, UW-Madison

The Board of Regents' Education Committee Action

An outline agenda of the July meeting of the UW Board of Regents meeting is located at [https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/download/meeting_materials/2019/july_11-12_2019/Outline-Agenda-\(July-11-12,-2019\).pdf](https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/download/meeting_materials/2019/july_11-12_2019/Outline-Agenda-(July-11-12,-2019).pdf). A summary of the items approved by the BOR's Education Committee is found on page 3.

- a. **Approval of UW-La Crosse's Layoff and Termination Policy.** The most important action of the Education Committee for us at UW-La Crosse was the approval of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse's "Faculty Policies and Procedures Relating to Faculty Layoff and Termination." The policy was approved by the Education Committee [and the BOR] in its original form. No change was made to the original document submitted by UW-La Crosse. The link below includes the documents

that were submitted to the Education Committee and approved by the Board. UW-La Crosse's layoff and termination document is included from Page 151 to 156. [This is a clear and "straightforward" document. Provost Morgan and Senate Chair Eschenbaum are the best sources to contact regarding this policy].

https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/download/meeting_materials/2019/july_11-12_2019/0-Educ-Comm-packet-final-July-2019-BOR-mtg.pdf

- b. **New Academic Programs Approved at Other Campuses [Selected Listing].** New programs approved by the Board that may overlap with or affect UW-La Crosse's programs include:

UW-Eau Claire

- BA/BS in Biomedical Engineering;
- BA/BS in Public Health.

UW-Green Bay

- MS in Exercise and Performance Psychology.

UW-River Falls

- BS in Biomedical Health Science;
- MS in Strength and Conditioning.

UW-Whitewater

- MS in Education in Higher Education Leadership.

- c. **Relevant Action by the Board's Capital Planning and Budget Committee**

- The Capital Planning and Budget Committee dealt with at least two items related to UW Colleges Restructuring. The most significant of these was the approval of UW-Oshkosh's proposal to to rename its Oshkosh, Fond du Lac and Fox Valley Campuses. The name changes approved by the Capital Planning and Budget Committee [and by the BOR] are: University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Oshkosh Campus; University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Fond du Lac Campus; University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Fox Cities Campus.

- d. **Other Actions by the Board of Regents [Friday, July 12, Full Board Meeting]**

1. **The Faculty Spotlight of the July BOR meeting went to Dr. Nicholas Bakken, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.** Dr. Bakken addressed the board regarding his personal and educational background and highlighted the focus of his activities as an Associate Professor of Sociology at UW-La Crosse. He also shared with the board his views regarding his work as a criminal justice instructor and described the nature of the program on our campus. He noted that his program includes strategies for addressing the causes

of problematic behaviors, and that intervention and addressing critical issues are more cost-effective than sending individuals deeper into our criminal justice system.

2. **Approval of the Annual [2020] Budget by the Board.** On Friday, July 12, System Vice-President Sean Nelson presented the UW System budget for FY 2020. Nelson's report, which gives up-to-date figures on the overall System operating budget, and provides interesting information on our campuses, is @:

<https://www.wisconsin.edu/news/download/bor/BOR-Annual-Budget-FY20.pdf>

More detailed system-wide budget information was also provided to the board in the Meeting Materials, which is posted @:

[https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/download/meeting_materials/2019/july_11-12,_2019/Full-Board-Thursday-Agenda-and-Materials-\(July-11,-2019\).pdf](https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/download/meeting_materials/2019/july_11-12,_2019/Full-Board-Thursday-Agenda-and-Materials-(July-11,-2019).pdf)

3. **Special Reports at the Friday [July 12] meeting of the full board. The meeting also included the following reports:**

- A report on the UW-Green Athletics Program.
- A report on early brain development and its impact on the economy. This was a discussion initiated, organized and presented by outgoing BOR member Mark Tyler and included Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, Department of Pediatrics, UW-Madison's School of Medicine & Public Health, and Dennis Winters, the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.
- A report of the UW System's provision of student behavioral health services.
- An update on the UW System's Task Force for Advancing Teacher Education and School Leadership in Wisconsin.
- A report by the UW System Vice-President of Administration on "standardization" of human resources and financial services.

Reports for the Friday meeting can be found @

[https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/download/meeting_materials/2019/july_11-12,_2019/Full-Board-Friday-Agenda-and-Materials-\(July-12,-2019\).pdf](https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/download/meeting_materials/2019/july_11-12,_2019/Full-Board-Friday-Agenda-and-Materials-(July-12,-2019).pdf)

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