



**UWL Faculty Representative Report**  
**Submitted: April 22, 2021**

**Board of Regents Meeting (4/8/21 and 4/9/21)**

**Report of the Board President**

- A. Update on the UW-River Falls chancellor search process –Finalists now announced month. Finalist interviews in early May in Madison
- B. Financial impact of COVID –\$170 M net loss.

**Report of the System President**

- A. Update on COVID-19 response – 9 UW campuses are operating clinics. 115K shots administered at these clinics. Goal is to get 90% of students vaccinated before semester is done.
- B. Summer bridge program- bringing in 1,400 students. \$1.3M being invested.
- C. Launch of **Shop UW+** = procurement. Right now, 7,500 purchase cards. Opening April 16 – will replace and improve purchase cards. More efficiency. Create one system wide platform to replace and modernize our system.
- D. Capital budget request- portion of façade at Van Hise fell—no one injured. 83% of budget request for the systems = repair and replacement.

**Presentation: UW System Expanding Online Education Initiative—Project DE+**

This presentation was similar to the one detailed in the previous Faculty Representative report. Overall, Regent comments demonstrated near universal support for this project. Interim President Thompson was very clear that this will go through as he believes this is UW's last chance to be competitive in the distance education market. A 3-hour April 22 meeting is scheduled with all Chancellors and Provost and Interim President Thompson. Board of Regents members were also invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
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