

Discussion of and Action on Consolidation of Administrative Operations of
UW Colleges and UW-Extension, and Authorization to Recruit:
Chancellor
UW Colleges and UW-Extension

BOARD OF REGENTS

Resolution A:

Whereas, in October, 2004 President Reilly commissioned a study that would examine opportunities for consolidation of the administrative operations of the UW Colleges and UW-Extension; and

Whereas, pending a report on the results of the study, President Reilly delayed proceeding with previously approved authorizations to recruit a Chancellor for UW Colleges and a Chancellor for UW-Extension; and

Whereas, there are many strong similarities between UW Colleges and UW-Extension, including that both institutions: (1) are statewide educational networks operating at geographically dispersed locations; (2) are key public gateways for Wisconsin citizens to access higher education; (3) have central administrative offices headquartered in Madison; and (4) have longstanding partnerships with county and local governments; and

Whereas, administrative consolidation between the two institutions should build on these similar ties to strengthen their capacity to reach new audiences in new ways, increasing thereby the number of university degree holders in communities throughout Wisconsin; and

Whereas, administrative integration between the two institutions has potential for reducing overall administrative costs by as much as \$1.5 million annually, while preserving and enhancing access and service to students, citizens, and clients; and

Whereas, based on the observations and options presented in the report of David J. Ward dated January 14, 2005, and follow-up discussions with affected partners and stakeholders, President Reilly recommends the recruitment of a single chancellor for UW Colleges and UW-Extension;

Be it therefore resolved:

That, UW-Extension shall have as its chief administrative officer the chancellor who is also appointed to serve as the chancellor of the UW Colleges; and

That, the UW Colleges and UW-Extension, under the direction of their single chancellor, are directed to integrate the administrative services identified in the report, and to continue to study additional means of achieving operating efficiencies in a manner that will most effectively preserve and enhance their identified institutional missions; and

That, to the extent that they are inconsistent with this resolution, Regent Policy Documents 82-3 and 88-5 are superseded; and

That, the President of the University of Wisconsin System be authorized to recruit for a single Chancellor of the UW Colleges and UW-Extension, at a salary within the Board of Regents salary range for university senior executive salary group three.