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Two statewide organizations host UW System Board of Regents

UW Colleges & UW-Extension to highlight access mission, partnership benefits, innovations & impacts during April 9-10 meeting at UW-Waukesha

The University of Wisconsin Colleges and UW-Extension – two statewide institutions – will host the UW System Board of Regents meeting April 9-10 at the UW-Waukesha campus. The inauguration of Cathy Sandeen as chancellor of both institutions will follow the meeting.

“This meeting provides opportunities for us to showcase our embodiment of the Wisconsin Idea and our innovative approaches to delivering on that promise,” Chancellor Sandeen said. “After these first few months as chancellor, I am in awe of what we do statewide, and I’m eager to share that work with the Regents and my fellow chancellors.”

Speaking to the full board on the afternoon of April 9, Chancellor Sandeen will present “UW Colleges and UW-Extension: Inspiring Innovation, Creating Futures.” Watch a video preview. UW System President Ray Cross will follow with an update and discussion on the 2015-17 biennial budget.

The Board meeting and inauguration will take place at UW-Waukesha, 1500 N. University Drive, Waukesha. The agenda provides details, including committee presentations. Information about live streaming will be posted here.

On April 10, the Regents also will present the highest honors in the UW System, three 2015 Teaching Excellence Awards, to: Professor Gregory S. Aldrete of UW-Green Bay; Professor Shubhangi S. Stalder of UW-Waukesha, one of the UW Colleges campuses; and the UW-La Crosse Department of Mathematics. President Cross also will include a “Student Spotlight” segment featuring Matthew Schneider, a UW-Waukesha student who hopes to pursue a degree in biochemistry at UW-Madison.

The inauguration of UW Colleges and UW-Extension Chancellor Sandeen will follow at 1:15 p.m. April 10. She took office mid-December as the third chancellor of UW Colleges and UW-Extension. The previous chancellor, now UW System President Ray Cross, and UW System President Emeritus Kevin P. Reilly both
will participate in the ceremony. Other UW speakers will include Regent President Michael J. Falbo, Regent Vice President Regina Millner, UW Colleges Student Governance Council President Graham Pearce and UW-Extension Provost and Vice Chancellor Emeritus Marvin Van Kekerix. Reflections will be contributed by Margarita Benitez, interim director of the Emerging Leaders Group for the American Council on Education, and Daniel Greenstein, director of the Education/Postsecondary Success U.S. Program of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. A reception will follow.

About UW Colleges and UW-Extension

UW Colleges serves more than 14,000 students through UW Colleges Online and the 13 freshman-sophomore campuses, including the Waukesha campus, which offer an Associate of Arts and Science degree, Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree (at six campuses) and many collaborative bachelor’s degrees in partnership with UW four-year campuses.

UW-Extension includes four divisions serving Wisconsin residents, communities, local governments, businesses and entrepreneurs statewide:

Business and Entrepreneurship includes the Wisconsin Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network, Center for Technology Commercialization, Food Finance Institute, Broadband Education Center and Center for Business Intelligence.

Broadcasting and Media Innovations’ work will be on show during the meeting through video stories about UW Colleges and UW-Extension by Wisconsin Public Television, a live remote show by Wisconsin Public Radio and – as usual at Regents meetings – live streaming by Instructional Communications Systems.

Continuing Education, Outreach and E-Learning coordinates continuing education programs at all 26 UW System campuses, online and in communities throughout the state, connecting learners with credit, noncredit, professional development and personal enrichment programs and supporting the development and delivery of programs such as the UW Flexible Option.

Cooperative Extension – which has offices in all 72 Wisconsin counties and three tribal nations and state specialists based at UW-Madison, UW-Platteville, UW-River Falls, UW-Stevens Point and UW-Superior – develops practical educational programs tailored to local needs and based on university knowledge and research in the areas of agriculture, community and economic development, natural resources, family living, Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development, Leadership Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey.

UW-Extension also includes Extension Conference Centers, which provide meeting spaces, event planning and support services for the UW System, State of Wisconsin agencies, educational and governmental groups and qualified nonprofit organizations through the Pyle Center and Lowell Center, both in Madison.

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