

STATEMENT

Universities of Wisconsin Regents President Amy B. Bogost

April 6, 2024

The Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents takes its fiduciary responsibility seriously and acts in the best interests of our students, faculty, staff, and the people of Wisconsin.

Under Board policy, the Board President is tasked to conduct an annual performance review of the System President. The Board President met with a wide variety of individuals and stakeholders including, Regents, Chancellors and other members of the Universities of Wisconsin communities. Regent leadership then shared the results of that review with President Rothman. This process consisted of multiple meetings with the full Board of Regents, including direct conversations and clear feedback regarding leadership expectations.

President Rothman was not without notice, nor was this process sudden. The Board has engaged with President Rothman in good-faith discussions over the past several months.

This does not diminish the President's many contributions, which we acknowledge and greatly appreciate. As an at-will employee of the Board of Regents, the System President serves at the pleasure of the Board, which bears the responsibility of determining whether its chosen leader continues to hold its confidence. This governance structure is standard practice, and it exists to ensure that we remain accountable to the public we are honored to serve.

At a time of profound change in higher education, this decision is about the future. The Universities of Wisconsin must be led with a clear vision that both protects and strengthens our flagship, supports our comprehensive universities, and ensures we are meeting the evolving needs of our students, workforce, and communities across all 72 counties.

The Board will meet on April 7, 2026, at 5:00pm to consider next steps with that responsibility firmly in mind.