All members present with the following exceptions

MEMBERS EXCUSED: B. Goldade (108), R. Hernandez (116), B. Peters (130), J. Aitken (132), B. Wettstein (133), T. Roach (134), M. Monroe (135), S. Baxter (154), D. Harrier (183), J. Taubel (189), O. Harris (193), C. DeMontigny (198), J. Bodnar (206),

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Ackerman (101), P. Jones (126), J. Linden (131), M. Fennessy (177), A. Weiss (181), L. Ketterhagen (202), K. Yang (203)

In addition 4 Alternates were present.

At 2:30PM, Vice Chancellor Heller called the meeting to order and reported that a quorum was present.

Vice Chancellor Heller paused for public comments. None sought recognition in this regard.

Vice Chancellor provided a report to Congress in which he thanked the University Staff for their work over the semester. Vice Chancellor informed the Congress that the Joint Committee on Employment Relations will meet later in the week to consider proposed pay plan and the agreement for the building trades.

Without objection, Vice Chancellor Heller took an Agenda item out of order and recognized UW-System President Ray Cross for the purpose of providing a report.

President Cross invited the members of Congress to ask questions.

Representative of District 123 asked what President Cross viewed as the most unexpected challenges to his accomplishments had been.

President Cross replied that he believed he should have been able to accomplish more on the Budget but was surprised how legislators have been influenced by the opinion that higher education does not have value.

Representative of District 162 asked President Cross what he viewed as his proudest accomplishment.

President Cross replied that he would allow others to make that judgement, but he did feel that in general legislative relations had improved.

Representative of District 152 inquired how the University could sustain compensation increases that the State doesn’t fully fund.

President Cross replied that it is not sustainable and noted that campuses already have a structural deficit. President Cross also expressed his disappointment that the 2% increase was so small after such a long time of salary being stagnant.
Representative of District 195 inquired as to what advice the President would provide to his successor. Reply came that they should not view the System as an institution and should not try to operate it like one.

Representative of District 150 inquired if the President could confirm if Trades employees at System campuses were offered increased benefits in exchange for a cut in pay. President Cross replied that he was unaware of any such agreements.

Representative of District 152 asked what University Staff shared governance could do to have input on the Search and Screen process for the next System President. Reply came that they should succinctly provide a list of attributes that they prefer, and noted that when finalists are presented, their future actions can possibly be predicted by their past actions.

Representative of District 162 thanked the President for his commitment to shared governance. Applause heard in the hall.

President Cross replied he met with the State Wide Shared Governance Group and was able to broaden his own understanding of the TTC Project and other policies.

Vice Chancellor Heller recognized Ms. Amy Gilman for the purpose of providing a report on the Chazen Museum.

Ms. Gilman provided the background and history of the Chazen, noting that gifts were provided in 1913 and were significantly increased in 1938. The collection was housed in numerous locations prior to the establishment of the Chazen, which turns 50 years old next September and is the largest collecting museum in the Big 10.

Ms. Gilman described the expansion of hours so that the facility will be accessible for 12 hours, 7 days a week. Ms. Gilman thanked University Staff for assisting in making the expansion possible. Applause heard in the hall.

Representative of District 162 thanked Ms. Gilman for acknowledging University Staff and inquired if parking presents a challenge to group tours, including schools. Reply came that schools utilize a turnaround space, but parking always remains a challenge.

Vice Chancellor Heller recognized Mr. Terry Fritter for the purpose of providing a report from the Bylaws Committee.

Mr. Fritter described the content and consideration given by the Committee, to an Amendment regarding the re-structuring of the Alternates beyond the ‘Active Alternate’ designation.

Representative of District 123 moved to amend section 1.02 of the Bylaws as it related to Alternates. A second was heard to the motion. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Representative of District 123 moved to amend section b under ‘Vacancies’ in the Bylaws. A second was heard to the motion. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.
Mr. Fritter described the content and the consideration given by the Committee, to a proposed Amendment regarding the change in responsibility for reimbursement requests.

Representative of District 110 moved to amend the Bylaws by striking language in Section 2.12 under ‘F’. A second was heard. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Representative of District 110 moved to amend the Bylaws by adding a ‘Chapter 3’ with language regarding the processing of reimbursement and reports to Congress by the Office of the Secretary. A second to the motion was heard.

Vice Chancellor Heller recognized Ms. Amanda Jovaag, and Title IX Coordinator Lauren Hasselbacher, to discuss results of the AAU Survey results.

Ms. Jovaag provided the background regarding the construction of the survey and how the results were compared to the 2015 results.

It was noted that alcohol or drugs was involved in 87% of the cases. It was reported that three listening sessions were held on campus and feedback included that response time to reported incidents was too long and the process was not transparent enough to be fully understood or utilized.

It was reported to Congress that the Chief of Police and the Director of Housing have been engaged on how to improve campus safety in regard to these issues.

Representative of District 168 inquired if there was material that could be send to constituents on how to report if you are a bystander.

Reply came that resource links can be provided via the Office of the Secretary.

Representative of District 162 noted that the trust factor seems to be limiting reporting and inquired if other surveys might be planned so improvement can be tracked.

Reply came that surveys are sanctioned by the AAU but one could possibly conducted independently.

Vice Chancellor Heller recognized Mr. Terry Fritter for the purpose of accepting suggestions for future Agenda items.

Mr. Fritter informed the Congress that the next Congress meeting will be on the 4th Monday of the month and will take place in 145 Birge.

Mr. Fritter also noted that he had attended a meeting of the State Wide Shared Governance Committee and had also met with President Cross. Mr. Fritter noted that the Central Committee will meet on Thursday and the Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee will meet Friday.

Mr. Fritter thanked Mr. Scott Hildebrand for his support of Shared Governance.

Representative of District 140 requested that consideration be given for additional or improved lighting on Observatory Drive from Bascom Hall to Library Mall.

At 3:53PM, A motion for adjournment has heard, as was a second. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.