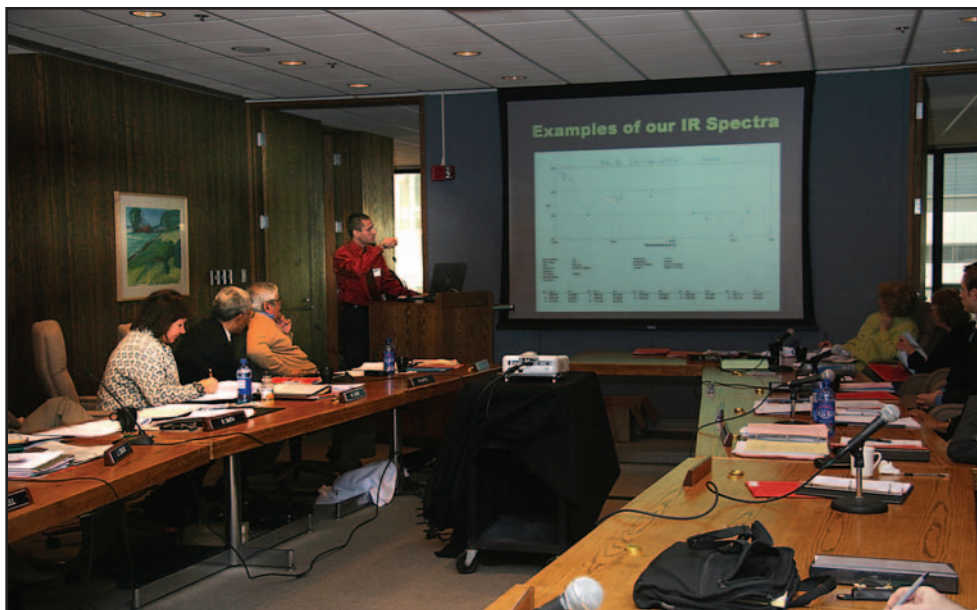


# MARCH REGENTS MEETING RESEMBLES HOMECOMING



Patrick Liesch, a UW-Parkside student researcher in the field of astrobiology, impressed the Regents with a presentation of his work, which includes elements of chemistry, biology, and physics. Liesch received the Chancellor's Award for academic excellence at the spring 2007 commencement.

When the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents and key members of UW System administration came to UW-Parkside for the Regents' March meeting, there were a number of very familiar faces in the group.

**Mike Falbo**, the newest Regent, is a member of the UW-Parkside Benevolent Foundation board of directors in addition to being an alumnus.

**Chris Semenas** was completing his term as the Student Regent. Semenas is a 2006 UW-Parkside graduate, served as president of the Parkside Student Government Association during his senior year, and was the keynote speaker at the spring 2007 commencement.

Former provost **Rebecca Martin** was recently named senior vice president for academic affairs with UW System.

**Al Crist** was the vice chancellor for enrollment management at UW-Parkside from 2000 to 2004 before accepting the position of associate vice president of human resources with UW System.

**Ron Singer** left UW-Parkside in 2001 to take over as associate vice president for academic and student services with UW System. Singer was associate vice chancellor for planning, budget and resource allocation, and graduate dean for five years before moving to Madison.

**Lisa Kornetsky** was associate professor of dramatic arts at UW-Parkside from 1992 until she joined the Office of Professional and Instructional Development in Madison as interim director in 1998. Kornetsky was named director of the OPID in March 1999.

**Ed Meachen** is now associate vice president of UW System's Office of Learning and Information Technology. Previously, Meachen was UW-Parkside's associate vice chancellor for information services.

As the newest Regent, Falbo said it meant a lot to have his first board meeting at his alma mater. "It was most gratifying to be there and showoff my school," he said, "and Parkside showed very well. I was most impressed with the very evident

pride shown by all the staff that made this event happen."

Since the meeting, Martin said she has been telling people in Madison about how proud she was of UW-Parkside. "Our campus, our faculty, our staff, and especially our students were at their very best," she said. "I know that the Regents and System staff were able to get the full flavor of what UW-Parkside is all about. They were impressed!"

Crist added, "it was very enjoyable to return to Parkside ... I was reminded how much the people make the institution. Hands down, I was most proud of the presentations made by the students."

UW-Parkside Chancellor Jack Keating wanted everyone at the meeting to experience the academic excellence found throughout the campus. Thad Gabron, who graduated in May with a master of business administration, and Sabha Museteif, who graduated in May with a double major in management information systems and business management, presented details of a recent project through the Ralph Jaeschke Solutions for Economic Growth Center.



Mike Falbo, UW-Parkside alumnus, attends his first meeting as a Regent.

The two were part of a student team that produced an analysis and marketing plans for Modine Manufacturing Co., of Racine, Wis., which was exploring opportunities in a new market.

Patrick Liesch, a UW-Parkside student researcher in the field of astrobiology, who

graduated in May with a bachelor of science in biological sciences, presented his research identifying compounds in meteorites as part of inquiries into past or present life forms on Mars. The work was funded in part by the Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium. When Liesch finished his presentations one of the Regents asked Keating when he was going to offer Liesch tenure. At the spring 2007 commencement, Liesch received the Chancellor's Award for outstanding academic achievement.

The Regents also saw a review of the newly generated UW-Parkside master plan. John Desch, campus planner, along with Bill Streeter, vice chancellor for administrative and fiscal affairs, and Steve McLaughlin, vice chancellor for student services and dean of students, described more than \$100 million in building projects slated for completion during the next 10 years. The master plan includes a reconfiguration of parking areas and enhancements to the road system. (To view the master plan online, visit [www.uwp.edu](http://www.uwp.edu) Keyword: *Master Plan*.)

Besides hearing about the plan for the future, regents, officials from UW System and members of the Wisconsin legislature got a hands-on feel for the growth of the university during a ground-breaking ceremony for the expansion of the Parkside Union.

Singer said that as he watched and listened to the students, the master plan presentation, and the remarks at the ground-breaking ceremony, he saw the emergence of UW-Parkside's next generation. "The master plan reflects a new phase for the campus, during which it will undergo significant physical change of a magnitude unprecedented during my 28 years," he said. "I imagined myself returning in 10 years and experiencing a very different sense of place.

"The (student) presentations demonstrated the strong bond between campus and communities. The diverse student body reflects so well the future of our state and country.



Chris Semenas served two years on the Board of Regents as the student Regent.

"In sum, UW Parkside is positioning itself well to serve the needs of its communities, as they too undergo significant change."



David Walsh, Regent president; Tyson Fettes, UW-Parkside Student Government Association president; Kevin Reilly, UW System president; Jim Kreuser, Wisconsin state representative; Jack Keating, UW-Parkside chancellor; Chris Semenas, student Regent; Barbara Lawton, Wisconsin lieutenant governor; Ken Schuh, UW-Parkside Alumni Association president; and Steve McLaughlin, UW-Parkside vice chancellor of student affairs and dean of students participate in the ground-breaking ceremony for the Union expansion.