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Please accept this as my resignation from the UW Board of Regents effective immediately. I am glad to see the Governor made his appointments and I am particularly glad to see that Tim Nixon is one of them. I would go into detail about why I think Tim is a great choice, but I don't want our friendship to taint his reputation for clear thought and ethical conduct.

I thought my reasons for staying on at least through the Milwaukee meeting were clearly expressed, but I certainly left room for people to assume I was planning to reenact the scenario playing out on the DNR board. The 5 or 6 hate mail contacts I received were particularly unimpressive. I was clear that my primary focus is the forthcoming legislative council and more generally the UW's relationship with the legislature. There is not a high cost to foaming at the mouth about me, but vilifying the elected body that must approve your budget is kind of dumb. The UW system is in dire need of reform and a reset in our relationship with all the people of Wisconsin. It is not Tony Evers' university any more than it was Scott Walker's.

I have enjoyed my time working with each of you and I hope we connect again.
Bob

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