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Statement

## Statement on the withdrawal of Dr. Jim Johnsen as UW System Presidential candidate

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MADISON, Wis.—Dr. Jim Johnsen has withdrawn from consideration as a UW System Presidential candidate. Regent President Andrew S. Petersen issued this statement:

### UW System Regent President Andrew S. Petersen:

“It’s disappointing, a dark day for the UW System.

“Dr. Johnsen is a fine person who conducted himself with professionalism and honor throughout the process, during which he was unanimously identified by the search committee as the best candidate for our system.

“We will work to identify and get through our immediate financial and operational challenges with the pandemic, then deliberate on the next steps to conduct a new search when there is a better opportunity.”

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