

**State of Wisconsin
Higher Educational Aids Board**

**Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2010**

Board Members Present: Mary Jo Green, Dr. Randall McCready, Jeffrey Bartell, Maria Flores, Ann Greenheck, Mike Bormett, Steve Midthun, James Palmer, Katherine Stewart, Nicole Fish, and Teresa Rutherford via phone.

HEAB Staff Present: Connie Hutchison, Sherrie Nelson, Mary Lou Kuzdas, Cassie Weisensel, and Cindy Cooley.

Others Present: Paul Nelson, WAICU; Kristofer Frederick, UW System Administration; Michael Moscicke, United Council of UW Students; Tom Heffron, WTCS; Nancy Merrill, WTCS; Bob Jokisch, UW System Administration; Dennis Rhodes, DOA; Mary Czech-Mrochinski, Marquette School of Dentistry.

Chair Mary Jo Green called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Ann Greenheck, seconded by Jeffrey Bartell to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2010 Board Meeting.

ELECTION OF 2010-2011 BOARD OFFICERS:

Elections were held for the three Board officer positions, Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

Mary Jo Green opened the floor for nominations. Ann Greenheck nominated Mary Jo Green for Chair which was approved unanimously; Ann Greenheck nominated Jeffrey Bartell for Vice-Chair which was approved unanimously; and Jeffrey Bartell nominated James Palmer for Secretary which was approved unanimously.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program:

Governor Jim Doyle designated HEAB to administer the John R. Justice Grant Program. The program seeks to reduce student loan debt as a factor in deterring qualified prosecutors and public defenders from seeking and/or continuing their important service to Wisconsin communities. This program will give a minimum of \$1,500 to those qualifying applicants who have served at least two years in positions of qualifying employment. Wisconsin has submitted the proposal for this program and is awaiting approval. The allocation that Wisconsin would be eligible for is \$160,000.

Education Foundations Conference:

The Education Foundations Conference will be held on November 18, 2010 from 9am to 3pm at University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. This conference is to connect education foundations with community foundations, and school districts. This conference is being sponsored by HEAB, UW System, WTCS, WAICU, DPI, and Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation.

Joint Legislative Council:

Connie has been asked to speak at the Joint Legislative Council on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 10am. She will be giving an overview of the financial aid programs that HEAB administers. This council has been set up to review current laws relating to financial aid for higher education in order to improve student access to higher education, maximize utilization of higher education resources, and retain qualified graduates in Wisconsin.

SETTING OF MEETING DATES FOR 2010-2011

The dates that were chosen are as follows: Monday, October 25, 2010; Friday, February 18, 2011; Friday, April 29, 2011; and Friday, August 5, 2011.

BOARD REPORT #11-01 WHEG/TG TASK FORCE REPORT

The Task Force was initiated to investigate the current distribution of WHEG and TG funds to determine if changes are needed to better serve Wisconsin students. The Task Force came up with several recommendations which will be implemented over the next couple of years if possible.

Moved by Jeffrey Bartell, seconded by Steve Midthun to accept the final report as written.

The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORT #11-02 2010-2011 MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN RECIPROcity AGREEMENT

The 2010-2011 agreement remains the same as the 2009-2010 agreement.

BOARD REPORT #11-03 2009-2011 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: TRIBAL COLLEGES

Increase WHEG-Tribal from \$440,000 to \$475,000 in 2011-2012 and to \$500,000 in 2012-2013.

Moved by Jeffrey Bartell, seconded by James Palmer to accept the recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORT #11-04 2009-2011 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

WAICU requested that two issues be addressed by the HEAB Board.

1. Increase the Wisconsin Tuition Grant by \$1,477,900 in FY 11-12 and \$3,037,100 for FY 12-13 to increase funding for the WTG by 5.5% in each year of the biennium.

Moved by Steve Midthun, seconded by Katherine Stewart, to accept the recommendation as written.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Link annual increases in the Wisconsin Tuition Grant to UW tuition increases, by adopting the provisions of 2007 Senate Bill 450/Assembly Bill 780. The provisions are:

- a) Increase each grant's prior year appropriation by an amount equal to the average percentage by which the undergraduate academic fees that will be charged for the next academic year at each institution within the UW System, as estimated by HEAB, will increase from the undergraduate academic fees charged for the current academic year;

OR

- b) Increase each grant's prior year appropriation by an amount equal to the dollar increase in UW tuition multiplied by the number of students who will be receiving the respective grants for the next academic year, as estimated by the HEAB board.

Moved by Steve Midthun, seconded by Katherine Stewart, to accept option A as written.

The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORT #11-05 2011-2013 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

The UW Board of Regents requested that three issues be addressed by the HEAB Board.

1. Request sufficient funding to increase the number of grants available through WHEG-UW, to ensure that all students receive the need-based financial aid for which they are eligible (specific dollar amounts to be determined by HEAB in collaboration with UW System Administration staff).

Fund the WHEG-UW program to ensure that each WHEG recipient's award grows by at least the same dollar amount as the increase in undergraduate academic student fees (specific dollar amounts to be determined by HEAB in collaboration with UW System Administration staff).

Moved by James Palmer, seconded by Jeffrey Bartell, to accept the recommendation as written.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Modify the statutory language linking WHEG to tuition increases: Advocate that the statutory language of the WHEG-UW award will increase by at least the same dollar amount as the dollar increase in undergraduate tuition, thereby granting a "dollar-for-dollar" hold harmless increase to eligible University of Wisconsin System students.

Moved by Jeffrey Bartell, seconded by James Palmer, to accept the recommendation as written.

The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORT #11-06 2011-2013 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

The Wisconsin Technical College System Board submitted the following items for HEAB's consideration.

1. \$23.4 million GPR for WTCS Wisconsin Higher Education Grants, including an additional \$11 million in FY 2011-12 and an additional \$12.4 million in FY 2012-13.

Moved by Jeffrey Bartell, seconded by Ann Greenheck, that the recommendation be accepted as written.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. A statutory change that links WTCS WHEG increases to Wisconsin Technical College tuition (program fee) increases.

Moved by Ann Greenheck, seconded by Jeffrey Bartell, that the recommendation be accepted as written.

The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORT #11-07 2011-2013 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: MARQUETTE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY CAPITATION PROGRAM

Increase the tuition subsidy from \$8,665 to \$11, 670 per resident enrolled at MUSOD and also increase the number of Wisconsin eligible for the program from up to 160 (40 per class) to up to 200 per class (50 per class) to be phased in over a four-year period.

The cost to implement both of these recommendations would be as follows:

- 2011-2012 Tuition subsidy increased to \$11, 670 for 160 WI residents, per year enrolled at MUSOD is \$1,867,200 (\$480,800 over the base budget)
- 2012-2013 Up to 170 WI residents at \$11,670 per resident, per year is \$1,983,900
- 2013-2014 Up to 180 WI residents at \$11,670 per resident, per year is \$2,100,600
- 2014-2015 Up to 190 WI residents at \$11,670 per resident, per year is \$2,217,300
- 2015-2016 Up to 200 WI residents at \$11,670 per resident, per year is \$2,334,000

Moved by Ann Greenheck, seconded by James Palmer, to accept the recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORT #11-08 2011-2013 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT

The following requests were made by WTCS President Dan Clancy, and WAICU President Rolf Wegenke, for increase in the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant:

1. WTCS recommends \$253,900 GPR for Minority Undergraduate Retention grants, including an additional \$81,900 in FY 2011-12 and \$172,000 in FY 2012-13.
2. WAICU recommends an increase in the MURG of \$45,000 in FY 11-12 and \$95,900 in FY 12-13 to increase funding for the MURG by 5.5% in each year of the Biennium.
3. HEAB Executive Secretary Connie Hutchison works with both WTCS and WAICU to determine a funding request for the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant that does not go below \$45, 000 in FY 11-12 and \$95,500 in FY 12-13 and does not exceed \$81,900 in FY 11-12 and \$172,000 in FY 12-13.

Moved by Ann Greenheck, seconded by Jeffrey Bartell, to accept recommendation number 3.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Request a statutory link that would provide annual increases to MURG as follows: Link annual increases in the Wisconsin Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant to UW tuition increases, by adopting the provisions of 2007 Senate Bill 450/Assembly Bill 780 which would be: Increase each grant's prior year appropriation amount equal to the average percentage by which the undergraduate academic fees that will be charged for the next academic year at each institution within the UW system, as estimated by HEAB, will increase from the undergraduate academic fees charged for the current academic year.

Moved by Jeffrey Bartell, seconded by James Palmer to accept the recommendation as written.

The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Jeffrey Bartell, seconded by Dr. Randall McCready, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16am.

Respectfully submitted by
James Palmer, Secretary