

DISCUSSION/ACTION
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HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD

BOARD REPORT #11-08

2011-2013 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES

MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT

Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant
Budget Recommendation

Increase funding for MURG:

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

- 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. (Please see letter from WTCS President Dan Clancy in Board Report #11-06 for further details.)
- WAICU recommends an increase in the MURG of \$45,000 in FY11-12 and \$95,500 in FY12-13 to increase funding for the MURG by 5.5% in each year of the Biennium. (Please see letter from WAICU President Rolf Wegenke in Board Report #11-04 for further details.)
- HEAB Executive Secretary Connie Hutchison recommends that HEAB work with WTCS and WAICU to determine a funding request for the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant.

Request a statutory link that would provide annual increases to MURG. WAICU recommends the following:

(Please see letter and supporting document from WAICU President Rolf Wegenke in Board Report #11-04 for further details.)

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. Those provisions are:

- 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
- 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.