

**State of Wisconsin  
Higher Educational Aids Board**

**Meeting Minutes  
July 30, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Mary Jo Green, Steve Midthun, Darcy Paulson, Laramie Wieseman, Jennifer Kammerud, Timothy Rindahl, Susan Schaumburg, Stephen Willett, and Kathleen Sahlhoff via phone.

**HEAB Staff Present:** John Reinemann, Sherrie Nelson, and Deanna Schulz.

**Others Present:** Tom Heffron, WTCS; Rolf Wegenke, WAICU; Wendy Wink, WAICU; Cody Loew, UW System Administration; Bob Jokisch; UW System Administration; Emily Pope, Legislative Fiscal Bureau; Peter Welch, Concordia University; Nicole Fish, College of Menominee Nation; Nathan Schwarz, State Budget Office; Drew Anderson, UW-Madison Department of Economics; Mary Czech-Mrochinski, Marquette University; and Nancy Merrill, WTCS.

Chair Mary Jo Green called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Stephen Willett, seconded by Steve Midthun to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2014 Board Meeting.

**SETTING OF MEETING DATES FOR 2014-2015**

The dates that were chosen are as follows: Friday, October 24, 2014; Friday, February 13, 2015; Friday, April 17, 2015; and Friday, July 31, 2015.

**BOARD REPORT #15-01 2014-2015 MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT**

The 2014-2015 agreement remains the same as the 2013-2014 agreement. The agreement was reviewed by the Joint Committee on Finance and no objections were raised. Therefore, the agreement was approved.

**BOARD REPORT #15-02 2015-2017 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: TRIBAL COLLEGES**

No action was required on Board Report #15-02 as Wisconsin Grant monies for Tribal Colleges are funded by gaming revenues and are not included in the biennial budget request.

**BOARD REPORT #15-03 2015-2017 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

WAICU recommended the same increase in dollars for WG-PNP as the UW system requested for WG-UW plus the restoration of the additional \$1 million that the legislature granted the Wisconsin Tuition Grant during for the 2013-14 academic year. The total appropriation request

for WG-PNP would be \$34,252,996 for the 2015-16 fiscal year and \$36,476,202 for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

WAICU also recommended an increase in the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant (MURG) appropriation as the appropriation has not increased over the prior two biennia. WAICU requested a MURG appropriation of \$864,000 in 2015-16 and of \$911,500 in 2016-17.

Moved by Steve Midthun, seconded by Stephen Willett to accept the recommendations.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **BOARD REPORT #15-04 2015-2017 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM**

The UW System recommended that the funding for WG-UW be increased by \$6,382,696 in 2015-16. The increase in funding would provide grants to eligible students who are currently on the waiting list. In 2016-17, the UW System recommends an additional increase of \$2,223,206. The additional funds would return the average award level for all eligible students to the 2012-13 level of \$1,837. The total appropriation for WG-UW would be \$64,728,096 for 2015-16 fiscal year and \$66,951,302 for 2016-17 fiscal year.

Moved by Timothy Rindahl, seconded by Jennifer Kammerud to accept the recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **BOARD REPORT #15-05 2015-2017 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM**

The WTCS recommended that the funding for WG-TC be increased to \$37,400,000 in 2015-16 and \$37,400,000 in 2016-17. WTCS indicated that nearly 37,000 eligible students did not receive a WHEG award during the 2013-14 academic year due to lack of funding. Thus, the increase in funding would ensure that all eligible students would receive a WG-TC award.

Moved by Stephen Willet, seconded by Steve Midthun to accept the recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **ELECTION OF 2014-2015 BOARD OFFICERS:**

Elections were held for two Board officer positions Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Mary Jo Green opened the floor for nominations. Steve Midthun self-nominated for Vice-Chair.

Moved by Stephen Willet to close nominations. Stephen Willet self-nominated for Secretary.

Moved by Jennifer Kammerud to close nominations. Nominations unanimously approved by all.

Moved by Jennifer Kammerud, seconded by Susan Schaumburg, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by  
Stephen Willett, Secretary