

**State of Wisconsin
Higher Educational Aids Board
Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2020**

Board Members Present: Stephen Willett, Robert Welch, Jose Delgado, Jeff Cichon, Nathan Helm-Quest, Jennifer Kammerud, Amy Christen, Brady Coulthard, Angela Haney, Timothy Opgenorth and Justin Wesolek.

HEAB Staff Present: Connie Hutchison, Sherrie Nelson, Charlene Sime, Joy Dyer, Jessica Kriplean and Brenda Stoffels.

Others Present: Anny Morrobel-Sosa, Todd Bailey, Jeff Bhurandt, Sean Nelson and David Specht-Boardman, UW System; Rolf Wegenke and Rebecca Larson, WAICU; Grant Huber, DPI; Erin Probst, LFB; Susan Teerink, Jenifer Conway and Mary Czech-Mrochinski, Marquette University; Brandon Trujillo, WCTS; Chris Caldwell (College of Menominee Nation).

Board Chair Stephen Willett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Bob Welch to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2020, meeting, seconded by Justin Wesolek. The motion carried.

Moved by Bob Welch to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020, meeting, Jeff Cichon. The motion carried.

ESTABLISH MEETING DATES FOR FY2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR

The meeting dates for the 2020-2021 academic year are:

Friday, October 30, 2020 (virtual),
Friday, February 12, 2021,
Friday, April 23, 2021, and
Friday, July 16, 2021

Meetings will begin at 9:00 am and will be held at the Hill Farms State Office Building in Madison unless otherwise noted.

BOARD REPORT #21-01 2021-23 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES UW SYSTEM

Secretary Hutchison informed the Board the UW System budget request is not be available at this time as it must be approved first by the UW Board of Regents at their meeting on August 20, 2020.

Moved by Bob Welch seconded by Jeff Cichon to set a special meeting for August 28 to consider the budget recommendation of the UW System. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORT #21-02 2021-23 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

The Wisconsin Technical College System is requesting an increase of \$11.8 million GPR in each year of the biennium to increase the average WTCS Wisconsin Grant award to \$1,100 and to expand the pool of eligible students to those enrolled in at least 3 credit hours. They are also requesting to replace the 10 semester/6-year cap with a maximum credit limit of 128 credit hours to align with Wisconsin GI Bill eligibility limit. Finally, they are requesting an increase in \$300,000 GPR per biennium for administrative support to the Higher Educational Aids Board to make necessary IT infrastructure updates to implement these proposed changes.

Moved by Stephen Willett to approve the request, seconded by Jeff Cichon. The motion carried.

BOARD REPORT #21-03 2021-23 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

WAICU recommends doubling the Wisconsin Grant for the private, non-profit sector. The current maximum grant award is \$3,500. Doubling that number brings it to \$7,000. WAICU stressed that the maximum grant goes to the students with the greatest need. The grants for students not receiving the maximum would also be doubled. This would increase the annual appropriation by \$28,504,600.

Moved by Bob Welch and seconded by Jose Delgado to approve the motion. The motion carried.

BOARD REPORT #21-04 2021-23 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES WISCONSIN TRIBAL COLLEGES

Due to staff changes a recommendation from the Tribal colleges was not available. Their recommendation will be available for consideration at the meeting on August 28.

ELECTION OF 2020-21 BOARD OFFICERS

Elections were held for three board positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

Bob Welch nominated Stephen Willett to continue to serve as Board Chair. Board approved.

Board Chair Stephen Willet nominated Bob Welch for office of Vice-Chair. Justin Wesolek nominated himself for the office of Vice-Chair. Bob Welch was elected Vice-Chair. The Board elected Bob Welch for the office of Vice-Chair. Stephen Willet nominated Jeff Cichon for Secretary. Jeff Cichon was elected.

FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is Friday, August 28, 2020.

Moved by Stephen Willett, seconded by Robert Welch to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Cichon, Secretary