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Mr. Michael Heifetz, State Budget Director
Department of Administration
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Dear Director Heifetz:

Enclosed are documents outlining requests which pertain to programs administered by the Higher Educational Aids Board. These documents are submitted for consideration in the creation of the 2017-2019 Biennial Budget.

These requests pertain to increases sought by the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, and the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) for the grant programs administered by HEAB. In addition to increased appropriations, HEAB seeks a link between the amount being appropriated and the projected rise in tuition at the pertinent schools; this aspect of the request is also covered in these documents. The HEAB Board has endorsed these recommendations from the state's academic sectors.

The academic sectors made these recommendations in the belief that the significant level of unmet financial need facing Wisconsin students is a challenge that must be met. Because unmet need is in some ways a concept unique to the world of higher education, these documents explain the calculations and assumptions used by the sectors when they made these recommendations to the HEAB Board.

Debate about educational opportunity, the amount of unmet need in the state, and the appropriate resource commitment to meeting that unmet need, are all reflected in these recommendations. Because of the policy aspect to these requests, we have elected to submit them to you in this format. Again, these requests have been endorsed by the HEAB Board and they constitute the recommendations and requests of the Higher Educational Aids Board.

I look forward to discussing these requests with you. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Reinemann,
Executive Secretary

Cc: Mickie Waterman, Dept of Administration
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WISCONSIN GRANT – UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

WHITE PAPER FOR 2017-2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

The Higher Educational Aids Board would like to request an increase of \$6,384,100 in FY 2017-2018 and an additional \$6,384,100 in FY 2018-19; a total increase in GPR funding of \$19,152,300; as was approved by the Board in its July 29, 2016 Board meeting. Therefore, the total 2017-18 appropriation funding would be \$64,729,500 and the total 2018-19 appropriation funding \$71,113,600. In President Cross letter of July 12, 2016 he states, “the requested 2017-19 funding for the Wisconsin Grant UW program will help more students to access and complete a quality higher education, producing a more highly skilled and educated workforce. Additional resources for the Wisconsin grant program will also help address student debt and affordability, two areas of growing concern to the citizens of Wisconsin..”

Included is the GPR funding request for the Wisconsin Grant – UW system appropriation.

WISCONSIN GRANT – UW REQUEST FOR 2017-18 AND 2018-19

	2016-17 GPR Funding	2017-18 Increase (\$)	2017-18 Funding	2018-19 Increase (\$)	2018-19 Funding	Biennial Funding
Wisconsin Grant - UW	58,345,400	6,384,100	64,729,500	12,768,200	71,113,600	19,152,300

WISCONSIN GRANT – TECHNICAL COLLEGES

WHITE PAPER FOR 2017-2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

The Higher Educational Aids Board would like to request an increase of \$23 million in FY 2017-2018 and an additional \$23 million in FY 2018-19; a total increase in GPR of \$46 million; as was approved by the Board during its July 29, 2016 Board meeting. In a letter dated July 19, 2016 from John Schwantes, Board President of the Wisconsin Technical College System and Morna Foy, President of the Wisconsin Technical College System note that state funding for the WI Grant – Technical College (formerly Wheg-Technical Colleges) students have not met demand in several years. “In the 2015-16 academic year about 23,000 students did not receive their Wisconsin grant award which they were eligible for because the appropriation would not cover the needed funds. This was even after the Governor and Legislature provided an additional \$500,000.”

Included is the GPR funding request for the Wisconsin grant - Technical colleges appropriation.

WISCONSIN GRANT – TECHNICAL COLLEGES REQUEST FOR 2017-18 AND 2018-19

	2016-17 GPR Funding	2017-18 Increase (\$)	2017-18 Funding	2018-19 Increase (\$)	2018-19 Funding	Biennial Funding
Wisconsin Grant - Technical Colleges	18,797,900	23,000,000	41,797,900	23,000,000	41,797,900	46,000,000

WISCONSIN GRANT – PRIVATE NON-PROFIT

WHITE PAPER FOR 2017-2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

The Higher Educational Aids Board would like to request an increase of \$3,000,000 in FY 2017-2018 and an additional \$6,000,000 million in FY 2018-19; a total increase in GPR of \$9,000,000; as was approved by the Board in its July 29, 2016 Board meeting. State funding for the Wisconsin Grant – Private non-profit (WI Grant – PNP) (formerly Tuition Grant) for non-profit college students has not met demand in several years. In the 2013-14 academic year the Wisconsin Grant- PNP had approximately 400 additional students receive grant aid because of the additional \$1,000,000 added to the appropriation for the 13-14 academic year, however those funds were only one time and did not continue in the 14-15 academic year. Additionally, in 2015, Herzing University converted from a for-profit institution to a non-profit institution. This change immediately allowed Herzing students qualify for private, non-profit Wisconsin grants. As a result of the additional students and the already insufficient appropriation for Wisconsin grants – Private non-profit was further strained. We are requesting these funds to provide for this additional population of students.

In addition, WAICU recommends a statutory change that links Wisconsin grant - PNP funding increases to UW tuition increases.

Also included is the GPR funding request for the Wisconsin Grant - PNP colleges appropriation.

WISCONSIN GRANT – PRIVATE NON-PROFIT REQUEST FOR 2017-18 AND 2018-19

	2016-17 GPR Funding	2017-18 Increase (\$)	2017-18 Funding	2018-19 Increase (\$)	2018-19 Funding	Biennial Funding
WI GRANT - PNP	26,870,300	3,000,000	29,870,300	6,000,000	32,870,300	9,000,000