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### HEAB STAFF UPDATE

Colette Brown is recovering from her car accident that occurred on July 1. She still requires physical therapy while her injuries continue to heal. We are looking forward to her return to the office sometime this fall.

Cindy Cooley was selected to fill the position that opened when Sandy Thomas retired. Cindy started in the position on Monday, June 14. Cindy has worked at HEAB for many years, most recently as the administrator of the MN/WI Reciprocity Agreement and the Nursing Student Loan. Sandy is very much missed in our office, but I am grateful for the terrific job Cindy is doing.

HEAB has a vacant position, opened when Cindy Cooley took an internal transfer. We plan to post an announcement for that position in early October. I will send the announcement out on Google Groups when it is posted.

HEAB has ten staff and with a vacant position and a medical leave we are temporarily down to eight (8) staff. Everyone here is working hard to cover all of the work but we may have some delays. I know that many of your offices are facing similar situations. I thank you all for your patience.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVIEW OF HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

The Special Committee is directed 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. Policies for review may include: (a) the Wisconsin Covenant; (b) loan forgiveness programs; (c) Wisconsin/Minnesota tuition reciprocity; (d) academic excellence scholarships; and (e) need-based grants and loans. Several financial aid directors are members

of this committee including: Mary Jo Green, Jane Hojan-Clark, Louise Jahnke, and Paul Watson. Rolf Wegenke and Amy Kerwin are also members. I attend all meetings on behalf of HEAB as a resource person.

**All committee meetings are open to the public.** The next meetings are scheduled for October 7 and November 9 at 10:00 in Madison. For more information, see the committee website: [://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/committees/study/2010/HIED/index.html](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/committees/study/2010/HIED/index.html).

### **CONFERENCE FOR EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS – NOVEMBER 18, UW OSHKOSH**

The first state-wide Education Foundations Conference will be held on November 18, 2010 from 9am to 3pm at University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. The purpose of the conference is to provide information and networking opportunities to K-12 Education Foundations, Community Foundations and College/University Foundations. This conference is being sponsored by HEAB, WTCS, WAICU, DPI, UW System, and Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation. Watch for more information coming in Mid-September.

### **RECOGNIZED RIGOROUS COURSE OF STUDY – ACG**

I have had a few questions about the Rigorous Academic Program for ACG. Here's the link to Wisconsin's ACG rigorous programs page: [://www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/about/ac-smart/2009/state-programs-09.html](http://www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/about/ac-smart/2009/state-programs-09.html)

### **2010 WASFAA HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR WORKSHOPS**

To see the schedule or register for one of the fall workshops, please go to [heab.wi.gov](http://heab.wi.gov) and click on the link [High School Counselor Workshop Information](#).

### **HEAB WEBSITE UPDATES**

With our webpage master Colette Brown out of the office it has been difficult to get our website updated. We now have someone from the Department of Administration who is working with us on this project. Last week she was able to post information about the upcoming Counselor Workshops. More updates will be posted next week, and we will once again be on a regular schedule.

### **1011 GRANTS UPDATES – COMMITTED AND SPENT**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>This Time Last Year</u>
<b><u>TG (W codes 06/25/10)</u></b>		
Committed	152.59%	129.787%
Spent	26.93%	20.26%
<b><u>WHEG-TRIBAL (W codes 05/13/10)</u></b>		
Committed	125.09%	142.05%
Spent	00.00%	00.00%
<b><u>WHEG-UW (W codes 7/28/10)</u></b>		
Committed	130.48%	125.88%
Spent	32.82%	0.00%
<b><u>WHEG-WTC (W codes 5/6/10 and Z codes 8/3/10)</u></b>		
Committed	166.12%	156.69%
Spent	31.82%	0.00%

### **1011 NOTIFICATION LIST**

Wednesdays: The list is distributed every Wednesday through December except: **there will be no notification list the week between Christmas and New Year's, December 27-31.**

### **1011 VOUCHER PROCESSING**

Vouchers are processed **every Tuesday and Friday** for files uploaded by noon; except:

**There will be no vouchers processed on the following days:**

Friday, September 10 (*no voucher*)

Friday, October 15 (*no voucher*)

Friday, November 25 (*no voucher*)

Friday, December 24 (*no voucher*)

Friday, December 31 (*no voucher*)

### **1011 AES LISTS on the following WEDNESDAYS**

September: 1, 8, 15

October 6, 27

November 17

December 1, 15

After September 12, 2010, the Schedules will be online at: [://www.heab.wi.gov/finaid.html](http://www.heab.wi.gov/finaid.html)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Scheduled HEAB Board Meetings:** Monday, October 25, 2010; **Friday, February 18, 2011;** Friday, April 29, 2011 (if needed); **Friday, August 5, 2011**
- **Legislative Council Special Committee on Review of Higher Education Financial Aid Programs:** October 7 and November 9 at 10:00 in Madison (All meetings open to the public)
- **2010 WASFAA High School Counselor Workshops:** October 14 - 22
- **WASFAA Fall Conference:** November 10 – 12, Appleton
- **Conference for Education Foundations** – November 18, UW Oshkosh
- **HEAB CLOSED FOR FURLOUGH:** Monday, October 11; Friday, November 26

### **HEAB Training Dates: Thursdays: September 16, and November 4**

HEAB conducts one-day training programs for new and continuing financial aid administrators. The training session covers all aspects of the programs administered by HEAB, including:

Goals of State Aid; *Eligibility for State Aid*; The Notification List; *The Voucher Process*; Return of State Funds; *Submitting and Receiving Data to/from HEAB*; Overviews of the Individual HEAB Programs

The program begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends no later than 3:00 p.m. It is held at the HEAB offices at 131 W. Wilson St, Suite 902, Madison, WI. We have room for up to 6 people at each session. Please let us know if you are coming to training as materials are printed based on the number of people attending. To register for a session or for more information, please contact Nancy Wilkison at (608) 267-2213 or email her at [wilkison@wi.gov](mailto:wilkison@wi.gov).

Please contact me by phone at (608) 264-6181 or by email at [hutchison@wi.gov](mailto:hutchison@wi.gov) if you have any questions, concerns or comments. Thank you!