

**State of Wisconsin
Higher Educational Aids Board**

**Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2015**

Board Members Present: Mary Jo Green, Steve Midthun, Jennifer Kammerud, Nathaniel Helm-Quest, Stephen Willett via phone, Lt. Governor Margaret Farrow via phone, Kathleen Sahlhoff via phone, and Benjamin Zellmer via phone.

HEAB Staff Present: John Reinemann, Sherrie Nelson, Deanna Schultz, and Cassie Weisensel.

Others Present: Rolf Wegenke, WAICU; Wendy Wink, WAICU; Bob Jokisch, UWSA; Emily Pope, Legislative Fiscal Bureau; Tim Jacobson, WASFAA; Mary Czech-Mrochinski, Marquette University; Keeshia Jones, Marquette University; and Karen Showers, WTCS.

Chair Mary Jo Green called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Stephen Willett, seconded by Jennifer Kammerud to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2015 Board Meeting.

BOARD REPORT #16-03 STATUS OF 2015-16 APPLICANTS AND PROGRAMS

In 2015-16, Wisconsin Grant-UW has committed 123.38% (\$71,985,656) of its appropriation with 36,485 awards. This is 3,222 fewer awards and 10.98% less committed than at this time last year. Wisconsin Grant – WTC has committed 180.64% (\$33,956,325) of its appropriation with 34,090 awards. This is 3,097 fewer awards and 11.04% less committed than at this time last year. Wisconsin Grant – Private, Non-Profit has committed 162.12% (\$43,562,082) of its appropriation with 15,400 awards. This is 844 more awards and 8.36% more committed than at this time last year. Wisconsin Grant – Tribal has committed 190.66% (\$865,996) of its appropriation with 611 awards. This is 30 more awards and 13.78% more committed than at this time last year.

BOARD REPORT #16-04 2014-15 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

Every year HEAB is required to report on the status of the Academic Excellence Scholarship to the Joint Finance Committee by August 1st. It was pointed out that not much changes from year to year. Eighty-five percent of the freshmen awarded the Academic Excellence Scholarship in 2014 accepted the scholarship and used it to attend a Wisconsin post-secondary institution. In 2014-15, 747 freshmen enrolled in a Wisconsin post-secondary institution. Total AES funds going to freshmen students were \$797,512 with an average award of \$1068.

BOARD REPORT #16-06 2014-15 MINORITY RETENTION GRANT ANNUAL REPORT

The 1999-01 Budget Bill required HEAB to begin annual reporting on the effectiveness of the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant. The last annual report noted that among student recipients surveyed, ninety percent indicated that the grant positively affected their decision to return to or stay in school. Seventy-nine percent of the respondents either have earned a degree or certificate or continue to work towards obtaining a degree/certificate. In addition, over eighty-nine percent of the recipients plan on living and working in Wisconsin after graduating. As those numbers are approximately what they were the year before, we continue to believe that this program is very effective.

BOARD REPORT #16-06 STUDENT AID EXPENDITURES FOR 2014-15

The Board discussed the report.

BOARD REPORT #16-07 2013 -2015 BIENNIAL BUDGET REPORT

The Board discussed the report.

ELECTION OF 2015-16 BOARD OFFICERS:

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

Mary Jo Green opened the floor for nominations. Steve Midthun nominated Steve Midthun for Chair. Jennifer Kammerud moved to close nominations and it was seconded by Nathan Helm-Quest. Nathan Helm-Quest nominated Nathan Helm-Quest for Vice-Chair. Jennifer Kammerud seconded the nomination. Stephen Willett nominated Stephen Willett for Secretary. Steve Midthun seconded the nomination. All of the officers were elected by unanimous consent of the Board.

Moved by Jennifer Kammerud, seconded by Steve Midthun, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and Chair Mary Jo Green adjourned the meeting at 10:50am.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Willett, Secretary