

**State of Wisconsin  
Higher Educational Aids Board**

**Meeting Minutes  
July 29, 2016**

**Board Members Present:** Steve Midthun, Nathaniel Helm-Quest, Stephen Willett, Jeff Cichon, Michelle Thompson, Lieutenant Governor Margaret Farrow via phone, and Kathleen Sahlhoff via phone.

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

**Others Present:** Rolf Wegenke, WAICU; Bob Jokisch; UW System Administration; Mary Czech-Mrochinski, Marquette University; Stephanie Mealy, Marquette University; Rebecca Larson, WAICU; Drew Anderson, Hope Lab; Jim Zylstra, WTCS; and Tim Jacobson, WASFAA.

Chair Steve Midthun called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Steve Willett, seconded by Jeff Cichon to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2016 Board Meeting.

**SETTING OF MEETING DATES FOR 2016-2017**

The dates that were chosen are as follows: Wednesday, November 9, 2016; Friday, February 24, 2017; Friday, April 21, 2017; and Friday, July 28, 2017.

**BOARD REPORT #17-01 2016-2017 MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT**

The 2016-2017 agreement remains the same as the 2015-2016 agreement. The agreement was reviewed by the Joint Committee on Finance and no objections were raised. Therefore, the agreement was approved.

**BOARD REPORT #17-02 2017-2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: TRIBAL COLLEGES**

No action was required on Board Report #17-02 as Wisconsin Grant monies for Tribal Colleges are funded by gaming revenues and are not included in the biennial budget request.

**BOARD REPORT #17-03 2017-2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

WAICU recommended the same percentage increase in each year of the biennium as requested by the UW. This increase will particularly address the \$1 million loss in funding and the additional \$2.5 million for the qualifying Herzog student population. WAICU requested \$29,870,300 for 2017-18 and \$32,870,300 in 2018-19 for a total appropriation of \$62,740,600.

Moved by Steve Midthun, seconded by Nathan Helm-Quest to accept the recommendations.

The motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD REPORT #17-04 2017-2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM**

The UW System recommended that the funding for WG-UW be increased by \$6,384,100 in 2017-18. The increase in funding would provide grants to eligible students who are currently on the waiting list. In 2018-19, the UW System recommends an additional increase of \$6,384,100. The additional funds would return the average award level for all eligible students to the 2009-10 level of \$2,161. The total appropriation for WG-UW would be \$64,729,500 for 2017-18 fiscal year and \$71,113,600 for 2018-19 fiscal year.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD REPORT #17-05 2017-2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM**

The WTCS recommended that the funding for WG-TC be increased by \$23,000,000 to eliminate the annual waiting list of potential WTCS students determined eligible for WG but who do not receive one due to a lack of state funding. WTCS indicated that nearly 23,000 eligible students did not receive a WHEG award during the 2015-16 academic year due to lack of funding. Thus, the increase in funding would ensure that all eligible students would receive a WG-TC award. The total appropriation for WG-TC would be \$41,797,900 for 2017-18 fiscal year and \$41,797,900 for 2018-19 fiscal year.

Moved by Steve Midthun, seconded by Michelle Thompson to accept the recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Stephen Willett, seconded by Jeff Cichon, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by  
Stephen Willett, Secretary