

**State of Wisconsin  
Higher Educational Aids Board**

**Meeting Minutes  
September 7, 2022**

**Board Members Present:** Stephen Willett, Jeff Cichon, Jennifer Kammerud, Kyle Weatherly, Efrem Dana, Tim Opgenorth, Susan Teerink, Justin Wesolek, and Rosa Faustino.

**HEAB Staff Present:** Connie Hutchison, Sherrie Nelson, Joy Dyer, Peter Zammuto, Jody Gennrich, and Brenda Stoffels.

**Others Present:** Todd Bailey, Sean Nelson, UW System; Rebecca Larson, Linh Anh Le, WAICU; Erin Probst, LFB; Amanda Mott, DOA; Mary Czech-Mrochinski, Marquette University; Julie Tyznik, Brandon Trujillo, Wisconsin Technical College System; John Whitt, Johannes Britz, UW-Madison.

Chair Stephen Willett called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**BOARD REPORT #23-04 WTCS 2023-25 Biennial Budget Issues**

Brandon Trujillo summarized the proposal on behalf of the Wisconsin Technical Colleges System.

Stephen Willett made a motion to approve the request to increase the Budget to accommodate the federal shift from EFC to SAI. Jeff Cichon seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Stephen Willett made a motion to approve the request to amend State of Wisconsin statutory and Administrative Code language to allow students enrolled in WTCS for less than half time to be eligible for the Wisconsin Grant. Jeff Cichon seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The motion passed.

**BOARD REPORT #23-05 UW System 2023-25 Biennial Budget Issues**

Sean Nelson provided an overview of the resolution adopted by the Board of Regents at their August 2022 meeting. The resolution includes a request to delete the cap to the Wisconsin Grant award from state statute and provide additional funding over the 2023-25 biennium to allow for a higher maximum award amount.

Nelson added the UW System supports a change to the Selective Service requirement in Wisconsin Statute and are also open to discussions about mirroring Pell grant eligibility for Wisconsin Grant.

Stephen Willett made a motion to approve the ongoing funding to the UW System to recognize new federal legislation budget request from the UW System, Timothy Opgenorth seconded, and the motion passed.

Stephen Willett made a motion to approve the changing of statutory language that limits Wisconsin Grant awards to \$3150, Timothy Opgenorth seconded, and the motion passed.

### **BOARD REPORT #23-06 PRIVATE/NON-PROFIT COLLEGES 2023-25 Biennial Budget Issues**

Rebecca Larson provided an overview of the budget recommendations from WAICU. In addition to an increase in funding to account for inflation, is the request to update and modernize the Wisconsin grant formula which has been part of Wisconsin State statutes for many years. This modernization will make the formula more simple, transparent, and understandable to students and families. Lin Anh Le gave a presentation explaining the differences between the current statute-dictated formula and proposal. WAICU is working with HEAB to fine-tune the proposal.

The sector also wants to go on record as being favor of and supporting the removal of a statutory requirement to register with the selective service; to strike and update language that refers to EFC

Stephen Willett moved to approve the budgetary recommendations. Seconded by Susan Teerink, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Jennifer Kammurud moved to acknowledge the Private/Non-Profit sector supports changes to support federal language; Susan Teerink seconded, and the motion passed.

Susan Teerink moved that the board supports statutory change of formula for WAICU. Stephen Willett seconded, and the motion passed.

### **BOARD REPORT #23-07 PRIVATE/NON-PROFIT NURSE EDUCATORS 2023-25 Biennial Budget Request**

Rebecca Larson and WAICU will revise the language of this letter regarding the nurse educator's program. Susan Teerink (??) moved that the board go on record in support of the NEP and its critical role in WAICU's Private/Non-Profit institutions. Stephen Willett seconded, and the motion passed.

### **TRIBAL**

Jennifer Kammerud moved that the most recent Wisconsin Grant formula being used by the tribal colleges is advanced unless objection is made and, in that case, a special meeting will be called. Stephen Willett seconded, and the motion passed.

Motion to adjourn from Jeff Cichon, seconded by Jennifer Kammerud. Meeting adjourned at 10:14 am.

### **FUTURE MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board is Friday, October 28, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Cichon, Secretary