

**State of Wisconsin  
Higher Educational Aids Board  
Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2019**

**Board Members Present:** Stephen Willett (phone), Robert Welch (phone), Jeff Cichon, Nathan Helm-Quest, Jennifer Kammerud, Amy Christen, Timothy Opgenorth and Ex-Officio member Paul Trebian.

**HEAB Staff Present:** Connie Hutchison, Sherrie Nelson, Joy Dyer, Charlene Sime, Pete Zammuto, Brenda Stoffels and Cassie Weisensel.

**Others Present:** Sean Nelson, Todd Bailey and Gillian Kitchen, UWSA; Brandon Trujillo, WTCS; John Whitt, UW-Madison; Rebecca Larson and Rolf Wegenke, WAICU; Grant Huber, DPI; Austin Retzlaff, College of Menominee Nation; Mary Czech-Mrochinski and Jennifer Conway, Marquette University.

Secretary Jeff Cichon called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Stephen Willett, seconded by Tim Opgenorth to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2019 Board Meeting. Motion passed.

**BOARD REPORT #20-02 STATUS OF 2019-20 APPLICANTS AND PROGRAMS**

Sherrie Nelson provided an overview of the report.

**BOARD REPORT #20-03 2018-2019 AES 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Ninety-five percent of the freshmen students awarded the Academic Excellence Scholarship in 2018 accepted the scholarship and used it to attend a Wisconsin post-secondary institution. Total AES funds going to these students were \$876,601 with an average award of \$1,108.

**BOARD REPORT #20-04 2018-2019 TES PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT**

Every year HEAB is required to report on the status of the Technical Excellence Scholarship to the Joint Finance Committee by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Seventy-six percent of the freshmen awarded the Technical Excellence Scholarship in 2018 accepted the scholarship and used it to attend a Wisconsin Technical college. In 2018-19, 538 freshmen enrolled in a Wisconsin Technical college. The total TES funds provided to freshmen students was \$540,387 with an average per-student award of \$1,004.

**BOARD REPORT #20-05 2019-20 MURG ANNUAL REPORT**

For the 2018-19 academic year, 16 technical colleges, 24 private-non-profit colleges and universities, and both tribal colleges received a Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant allocation. During this academic year 781 students received an award; 273 recipients attended a private-non-profit independent college/university or tribal college and 508 recipients attended a Wisconsin Technical college.

**BOARD REPORT #20-06 HEAB 2017-19 BIENNIAL REPORT**

Secretary Hutchison gave brief remarks about the report.

**BOARD REPORT #20-07 STUDENT AID EXPENDITURES FOR 2019-20**

The Board discussed the report.

**BOARD REPORT #20-08 WISCONSIN GRANT-PRIVATE/NONPROFIT 2020-21 PROGRAM FORMULA**

Recommendation of Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU)  
Increase the maximum award to \$3,500 and continue with the minimum award of \$1000; with and inflation factor of 620% and the base maintenance factor set at \$9000.  
Moved by Robert Welch, seconded by Amy Christen, to accept the recommendation as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD REPORT #20-09 WISCONSIN GRANT FORMULA DESCRIPTION**

HEAB administers three WG programs; Wisconsin Technical College System, Wisconsin Tribal Colleges, and University of Wisconsin System. The general structure for the WG formulas is outlined in the State Statutes.

**BOARD REPORT #20-10 WISCONSIN GRANT – TECHNICAL COLLEGE 2020-21 PROGRAM FORMULA**

Representing the Wisconsin Technical College System, Brandon Trujillo recommended no changes to the formula for 2020-2021.  
 $(\$9,270 - EFC) \times 11.70\% = \text{Award}$ , with a maximum award of \$1,084 and a minimum award of \$500. This reflects no change from the current formula.  
Moved by Jennifer Kammerud, seconded by Jeff Cichon, to accept the formula as written for the 2020-21. The motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD REPORT #20-11 WISCONSIN GRANT – TRIBAL COLLEGE 2020-21 PROGRAM FORMULA**

Dr. Paul Trebian proposed that he continue to work on the formula and present to the Board before the end of November. Moved by Stephen Willett, seconded by Bob Welch to ask for an email vote when the formula recommendation is available. The motion passed unanimously. (see note at the end of the minutes)

**BOARD REPORT #20-12 WISCONSIN GRANT – UW PROGRAM 2019-20 FORUMLA CHANGE AND 2020-21 PROGRAM FORMULA**

The University of Wisconsin System President Ray Cross requested the following formula change for the 19-20 academic year from:

$(\$7,150 - \text{EFC}) \times 42\% = \text{Award}$

$(\text{Student Budget} - \text{Expected Family Contribution}) \times \text{Student Award Percentage} = \text{Award}$

Maximum Award: \$3,003      Minimum Award: \$779

To:

**$(\$7,500 - \text{EFC}) \times 42\% = \text{Award}$**

$(\text{Student Budget} - \text{Expected Family Contribution (max. EFC } \$5,600)) \times \text{Student Award Percentage} = \text{Award}$

Maximum Award: **\$3,150**      Minimum Award: **\$798**

Moved by Jennifer Kammerud, seconded by Tim Opgenorth, to accept the recommended formula. The motion passed unanimously.

The University of Wisconsin System recommended the following formula for 2020-21:

**$(\$7,500 - \text{EFC}) \times 42\% = \text{Award}$**

$(\text{Student Budget} - \text{Expected Family Contribution (max. EFC } \$5,600)) \times \text{Student Award Percentage} = \text{Award}$

Maximum Award: **\$3,150**      Minimum Award: **\$798**

Moved by Steve Willett, seconded by Jennifer Kammerud. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS: INVESTIGATE PROCESS TO INCLUDE TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES AS VOTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

Moved by Amy Christen, seconded by Stephen Willett to direct Secretary Hutchison to investigate and initiate the legislative process to include a representative from the Tribal Colleges to be added to the Board as full voting members. Motion passed unanimously.

**SECTOR UPDATES:**

A representative from each sector gave an update on innovations and updates of their member institutions.

Moved by Stephen Willett seconded by Bob Welch to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Cichon, Secretary

(\*After the meeting it was determined that an email vote is prohibited by state statutes. Therefore, Executive Secretary Hutchison will work with President Willett to schedule a public meeting to address the Tribal College formula recommendation. A call-in option will be available.)