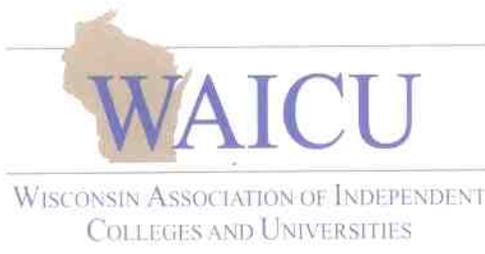


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February 10, 2010

Connie Hutchison, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Hutchison:

As required by state statute, I am transmitting to you WAICU's recommendation for the Wisconsin Tuition Grant (WTG) formula for the 2010–2011 academic year. I understand that the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) will consider this recommendation at its meeting on February 26th.

In developing this year's recommendation, WAICU remains committed to the principles that the WTG should contribute a meaningful portion of a student's overall financial aid package; that the neediest students should receive the greatest share of benefits under the program; and that the total allocation of WTG funding should be equitably distributed between independent and dependent students. It is the unanimous position of the WAICU Board (the presidents) that, over time, the grant maximum and the value of the average grant must increase.

Based on discussions with the WAICU Financial Aid Group and HEAB staff, it is my recommendation that HEAB adopt "SIM 2" on the attached spreadsheet as the formula for the 2010–2011 academic year. Based on our joint discussions, this formula appears to offer the best approach to preserve the stability of the program and predictability of awards, consistent with the available funding.

I want to thank you and Mary Lou Kuzdas for meeting with WAICU staff and the WAICU financial aid professionals in developing the formula. You, Mary Lou and the other HEAB staff continue to exemplify one of the most constructive working relationships between a state agency and a constituent group that I have ever experienced.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding the WAICU recommendations, please contact either me or Mr. Paul Nelson, WAICU Senior Vice President for Public Policy.

Best wishes . . .

Sincerely,

Rolf Wegenke, Ph.D.
President

Attachment: 2010–2011 Formula Simulations for Tuition Grant

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