

**State of Wisconsin  
Higher Educational Aids Board**

**Meeting Minutes  
November 2, 2012**

**Board Members Present:** Mary Jo Green, James Palmer, Randall McCready, Steve Midthun, Timothy Rindahl, Laramie Wieseman and Gary Roberts via phone.

**HEAB Staff Present:** John Reinemann, Sherrie Nelson, Cindy Cooley, Cassie Weisensel and Peter Zammuto.

**Others Present:** Kristofer Frederick, UW System Administration; Rolf Wegenke, WAICU; Bob Jokisch, UW System Administration; and Wendy Wink, WAICU.

Chair Mary Jo Green called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Jim Palmer, seconded by Randy McCready to approve the corrected minutes of the August 3, 2012 Board Meeting.

**BOARD REPORT #13-10 2011-12 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>. It was pointed out that not much changes from year to year. Ninety percent of the freshmen awarded the Academic Excellence Scholarship in 2011 accepted the scholarship and used it to attend a Wisconsin post-secondary institution. In 2011-12, 782 freshmen enrolled in a Wisconsin post-secondary institution. Total AES funds going to freshmen students were \$842,488 with an average award of \$1,077.

**BOARD REPORT #13-11 2011-12 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 #13-12 STUDENT AID EXPENDITURES FOR 2011-12**

The Board discussed the report.

Moved by Steve Midthun, seconded by Jim Palmer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and Chair Mary Jo Green adjourned the meeting at 10:35am.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Palmer, Secretary