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Name: Grant Staszak

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Senate Committee on Education

Date: Aug 13 97  Executive Session  Public Hearing

Bill Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by: Rivers Seconded by: Huelsman

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

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<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Sen. Calvin Potter, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Robert Jauch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Kevin Shibilski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Richard Grobschmidt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Alberta Darling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Joanne Huelsman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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NOMINEE: Grant E. Staszak

POSITION: Member, University of Wisconsin System  
Board of Regents [*Student*]

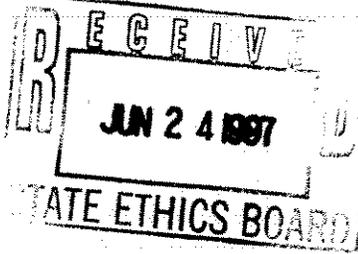
STATUTORY  
REFERENCE:

**15.91 Board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system; creation.** There is created a board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system consisting of the state superintendent of public instruction, the president, or by his or her designation another member, of the technical college system board and 14 citizen members appointed for staggered 7-year terms, and a student enrolled at least half-time and in good academic standing at an institution or center within the university of Wisconsin system who is at least 18 years old and a resident of this state, for a 2-year term. The student member may be selected from recommendations made by elected representatives of student governments at institutions and centers within the university of Wisconsin system. The governor may not appoint a student member from the same institution or center in any 2 consecutive terms. If the student member loses the status upon which the appointment was based, he or she shall cease to be a member of the board of regents.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION: Senators Potter, (Chair), Jauch,  
Shibilski, Grobschmidt, Darling, Huelsman and Roessler.

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# Statement of Economic Interests

Staszak, Grant E.

NAME

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
BOARD OF REGENTS

STATE POSITION

**ABOUT THIS FORM:** This Statement of Economic Interests has been prescribed by the Wisconsin Ethics Board pursuant to §19.44, *Wisconsin Statutes*. The Statement is divided into several parts. Most parts ask for information about you as well as immediate family members. The information requested concerns the previous calendar year and, for some items, requires a snapshot of economic interests held on a specified date.

Part 1 of this Statement asks you to identify your family's employers. Part 2 asks for information about your family's ownership interests in businesses and enterprises. Part 3 asks you to identify your family's real estate holdings. Part 4 asks you to identify certain of the clients, customers, and tenants of the businesses and real estate you listed in Parts 2 and 3. Part 5 asks you to identify sources from which you received business entertainment and other gifts. Part 6 asks you to identify sources from which you received honoraria or payment of expenses. Part 7 asks you to identify all other sources from which you or your family received income. Part 8 asks you to identify securities which your family owned either directly or indirectly. Part 9 asks you to identify certain organizations in which you or an immediate family member was an officer or director. Part 10 asks you to identify certain organizations of which you or your family was an authorized representative or legal agent. Finally, Part 11 asks you to identify certain of your family's creditors.

Complete each part of this Statement. If any item does not apply, check (✓) the box marked "None or Not Applicable."  
Attach additional pages if necessary.

**Definitions:** "Income" means gross income before deductions and depreciation, from whatever source derived, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, but excludes dividends and interest. "Immediate family member" means your spouse, and any child, step-child, parent, or parent-in-law who receives more than one-half of his or her support from you or from whom you receive more than one-half of your support. A "lobbyist" is an individual whose duties include trying to influence legislation or administrative rules in Wisconsin by communicating with an elected state official, agency official, or legislative employee on another's behalf for pay.

- Questions about completing this form? Call (608) 266-8115.
- Other inquiries (608) 266-8123.

**Part 1. Employers.**

List each employer from which you or an immediate family member received income of \$1,000 or more in 1996. You do not have to identify any source of income from which you or an immediate family member received less than \$1,000. You do not have to identify any employer who is an individual unless the income you or your family received came from the individual's operation of a business or the individual was a lobbyist.

Check (✓) if None or Not Applicable

Name of employer (If State of Wisconsin, identify agency or institution)	City and state	General nature of business

**Part 2. Ownership interests in businesses.**

List each partnership (general or limited), corporation (regardless of tax status and including service corporations), proprietorship, limited liability company, firm, franchise, or other business or enterprise in which you or an immediate family member, directly or indirectly, separately or together, owned or controlled at least a 10% interest on the Appointment Date. Businesses can include farms, manufacturing companies, sales and service operations, real estate rental, and professional practices. If you or an immediate family member was self-employed, but did not operate under a business name, merely list the business's customers and clients in Part 4. If you or an immediate family member was engaged in renting real estate, but did not operate under a business name, merely list, in Part 3, the address of the real estate and, in Part 4, the commercial tenants.

Check (✓) if None or Not Applicable

Name of business	City and state	General nature of business	Form of business organization (service corporation, subchapter S or C corporation, partnership, proprietorship, etc.)

For the businesses listed above, your identification must be sufficient to enable a person to identify: (a) for a corporation, its officers and directors; and (b) for any other business, its owners. Because limited partnerships and corporations created or registered to do business in Wisconsin file this information with the Secretary of State as a matter of public record, no further information is required about them. For other types of businesses, identify the owners and partners below, or explain where such information is available as a public record.

Check (✓) if None or Not Applicable

Business	Name of owners or partners	City and state

Name Grant E. Staszak

**Part 3. Real estate.**

Identify all real estate located in Wisconsin in which you or an immediate family member held at least a 10% interest valued at \$5,000 on the Appointment Date. Include real estate you or your family owned directly or through: (a) a partnership; (b) a corporation; (c) a trust; or (d) other enterprise. Do not list your principal residence unless you used it for the conduct of a business or for rental purposes.

Check (✓) if None or Not Applicable

Location of property (street address or fire number, municipality, and county)	Type of property (e.g., farm, recreational, commercial, rental)	Nature of interest (own, lease, option, easement, land contract)

**Part 4. Customers, clients, and tenants (other than individuals\*).**

Identify every source of income of \$1,000 or more in 1996 of every business that you listed in Part 2, except a C corporation, and for every property listed in Part 3. This means identify each customer, client, tenant, and other source of income.

\*Do not identify an individual unless the individual was a lobbyist.

If your business received income from a third-party payer (such as a fee, commission, or insurance payment received by a realtor, travel agent, or medical practice), list the third-party payer as well as the customer, client, or tenant.

You do not have to list:

- a corporation's sources of income if the corporation was not a service corporation or an "S" corporation under the Internal Revenue Code
- sources of income of a business in Part 2 or property in Part 3 from which you or an immediate family member received less than \$1,000.
- an individual who was not a lobbyist
- a decedent's estate.

Check (✓) if None or Not Applicable

Customer, client, or tenant	City and state

### Part 5. Business entertainment and other gifts.

List all individuals and organizations from which you received, in 1996, entertainment or gifts having a total value of more than \$50. Include tickets to sporting or theatrical events, golfing fees, prizes, samples and promotional items, items from sales representatives or as part of business promotions, and similar items. You do not have to report gifts received by immediate family members if they were not intended for you. A "gift" includes any money, property, favor, service, entertainment, travel, or payment furnished without valuable consideration. A "gift" does not include political contributions reported to the Elections Board, or meals, beverages, or lodging that an individual offers as hospitality at his or her own expense, and not as a business expense, for reasons unrelated to your holding state public office. You do not have to report gifts from your spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandchild, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, fiancé(e), parent-in-law, grandparent-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law.

Check (✓) if None or Not Applicable

Name of giver	City and state

### Part 6. Honoraria and payment of expenses.

List each individual or organization from which you received, in 1996, lodging, transportation, meals, expenses, or honoraria having a total value of more than \$50, for attendance at a conference, presentation of a talk, participation in a meeting, or for a published work about issues initiated by or affecting state government or state agencies. Honoraria you or an immediate family member received that were unrelated to state issues should be accounted for in Part 7.

You do not have to list information about lodging, transportation, meals, money or any other thing of pecuniary value: (1) if you returned it within 30 days; (2) if you received it from the agency of which your state public office is a part; (3) if you received it from a source listed in Part 1 or Part 4; or (4) if you already reported the payment to the Ethics Board as a matter of public record.

Check (✓) if None or Not Applicable

Payer	Approximate value of expenses	Amount of honorarium	Circumstances of receipt
University of Wisconsin River Falls Student Association Student Senate		\$750	

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### Part 7. Other sources of income.

Identify any other sources, not previously identified, from which you or an immediate family member received income (other than dividends or interest) of \$1,000 or more in 1996. Include honoraria not elsewhere reported, Social Security payments, retirement benefits, directors' fees, commissions, proceeds from the sale of real estate, and the like. You do not have to list insurance benefits, inheritances, scholarships (if no teaching or services were required in return), or Wisconsin Retirement Fund benefits. You do not have to list proceeds from the sale of securities unless you know the purchaser's identity. You do not have to list individuals, unless the individual was a lobbyist.

Check (✓) if None or Not Applicable

Source of income	City and state

Name Grant E. Staszak

### Part 8. Stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and the like.

List securities, as explained below, that you and your immediate family owned on the Appointment Date whose value was \$5,000 or more on that date.

List the following types of securities:

- stocks
- bonds
- mutual funds
- money market funds
- securities issued by the State of Wisconsin
- securities issued by governmental entities within Wisconsin
- limited partnerships
- commodity futures contracts

Do not list:

- any security in which your family's interest was less than \$5,000 on the Appointment Date
- savings accounts
- checking accounts
- certificates of deposit
- annuities
- insurance contracts
- any security issued by the federal government or a government outside Wisconsin
- any security issued by an organization that does not do business in Wisconsin

Be sure to include securities held for you or your family in:

- a deferred compensation plan, profit-sharing plan, or pension plan whose investments you or your family directs
- an individual retirement account (IRA)
- a corporation, partnership, or other entity which you or your family controls.

List the security by name. Be specific. For example, list "Fidelity Puritan Fund -- mutual fund" and "IBM Corporation -- stock." Do not list "deferred compensation plan" or "IRA" or "Merrill Lynch account," since these terms do not identify the actual underlying securities.

For each security you list, place a check in one of the columns at the right to indicate the value of your family's interest in the security on the Appointment Date.

Check (✓) if None or Not Applicable

Names of security	Type of security	Value \$50,000 or less	Value More than \$50,000
<i>money</i> A.I. Bank Market Account	<i>money Market Fund</i>	X	

### Part 9. Offices and directorships.

List each business, labor union, association, cooperative, or other organization of which you or an immediate family member was, on the Appointment Date, an officer or director. You do not have to identify any charitable organizations (entities to which a contribution is tax deductible); political organizations (entities whose primary purpose is to influence voting); non-profit social or community service organizations; trusts; or federal, state, or local governments or governmental agencies.

Check (✓) if None or Not Applicable

Business or organization	City and state	Position



## Grant E. Staszak

### University Address:

202 South Third Street Apartment B  
River Falls, Wisconsin 54022  
Phone: (715) 426-1407(Home)  
(715) 425-4911, Ext. 160(Office)

### Permanent Address:

131 North Adams Street  
Bonduel, Wisconsin 54107  
Phone: (715) 758-8519

### Education:

Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Business & Political Science  
University of Wisconsin-River Falls  
*Degree to be Conferred: May 1999*      *Cumulative GPA: 3.0/4.0*

### University of Wisconsin - River Falls Student Association Student Senate:

#### Student Senate President, 1996-present:

- Implemented new student shared governance structure
- Represented UW-River Falls students' issues and concerns to administration, faculty, state government, and national government
- Served on Chancellor's Administrative Council along with other senior UW-River Falls administrators
- Conducted weekly meetings and appointed chairs of various student committees
- Addressed various UW-River Falls alumni groups and freshmen class
- Attended numerous UW-System Board of Regents meetings representing UW-River Falls students
- Chaired Student Senate Executive and President's Committee
- Met with UW-System administrators regarding UW-River Falls students' concerns and issues
- Nominated for UW-System's Working Group on Segregated University Fees
- Spoke at Fall 1996 Commencement Ceremony
- Served as official and ceremonial representative of the UW-River Falls Student Association

#### Student Senate Treasurer, 1994-95:

- Coordinator of UW-River Falls Segregated University Fees Allocation Committee
- Oversaw student organizations' state financial accounts
- Testified in front of the state Joint Finance Committee Hearing on the 1995-97 state budget
- Chaired Student Senate Budget Committee
- Received Outstanding Student Senator of the Month

### University of Wisconsin - River Falls Reach for the Future Steering Committee:

#### Member, 1996-present:

- Served as the only student representative of the 5,400 students on campus in the formulation and implementation of 10 university goals and 110 action plans
- Increased the proportion of the university budget devoted to supplies, equipment, and capital from the current 6.9% in 1994-95 to 12% by the year 2000
- Merged all information technology units on campus into a single coordinated information technology department
- Reallocated over 2 million dollars from salary to supplies, equipment, and capital
- Implemented plan to assess student advising and improve services in the advising area by faculty

## Wisconsin FFA Association:

### State FFA Treasurer, 1995-96:

- Planned and conducted leadership and motivational workshops
- Assisted in answering questions for state FFA advisors and members on FFA activities
- Promoted Wisconsin FFA Association to state businesses and industries
- Chosen as a delegate to Germany for two weeks to meet with international agricultural leaders
- Guest speaker at twenty-one Chapter FFA Banquets
- Wisconsin FFA Association delegate to National FFA Organization
- Chair of Wisconsin FFA Association State FFA Officer Evaluation Committee
- Member of the National FFA Organization's Chapter Activities Committee
- Organized and directed annual State FFA Convention in Madison, Wisconsin
- Received the National FFA Organization's American FFA Degree

### Local Leadership Positions Held:

Bonduel FFA Chapter Vice President, 1991-93  
Junior League Bowling Captain, 1990-93  
Troop 24 Boy Scouts Senior Patrol Leader, 1989-93  
Bonduel High School Spirit Club President, 1992-93  
Bonduel High School Yearbook Staff Ad Seller, 1990-93  
Bonduel High School Track Captain, 1993  
Bonduel FFA Chapter Parliamentarian, 1990

### Organizational Memberships:

United Council of UW Students  
Wisconsin FFA Association  
*Past Treasurer, 1995-96*  
National FFA Organization  
Wisconsin FFA Alumni  
*Life Member, 1993-present*  
National FFA Alumni  
*Life Member, 1993-present*  
Future Business Leaders of America  
Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity  
*Undergraduate Director Finalist for National Fraternity, 1996*  
*Crescent Editor, 1994, 1996*  
*Freshmen Spirit Award, 1994*  
*Member, Finance Committee, 1994, 1997-present*  
Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity - Alpha Psi Alumni  
Wisconsin Farm/City Council  
*Chair, Shawano County Farm/City Banquet Youth Activities Committee, 1996*  
UW-River Falls Cross Country Team  
*Varsity Letter Winner, 1994*  
National Agricultural Marketing Association

### **Institutional Service:**

UW-River Falls North Central Accreditation Self-study Steering Committee, 1996-present  
UW-River Falls Reallocation and Review Process, Administrative Service Committee, 1994-95  
President's Committee, United Council of UW Students, 1996-present  
Director's Search and Screen Committee, United Council of UW Students, 1994, 1996  
University Budget Committee, UW-River Falls, 1994-95  
Gender Equity in Athletics Working Group, UW-River Falls, 1994  
Chancellor's Award Selection Committee, UW-River Falls, 1995  
Audit and Program Review Committee, UW-River Falls, 1994  
Athletics Committee, UW-River Falls, 1994-95, 1996-present  
Arena Committee, UW-River Falls, 1995  
Parking Committee, UW-River Falls, 1994-95, 1996-present  
Residence Hall Council, UW-River Falls, 1993  
Inter-Fraternity Council, UW-River Falls, 1995-96

### **Community Service:**

#### University Level:

UW-River Falls Graduation Volunteer  
UW-River Falls College of Agriculture Ambassador  
UW-River Falls Operation Safe Walk  
UW-River Falls Alumni Telethon Fundraiser Volunteer

#### Local Level:

American Rotary Event Volunteer  
Jaycee's Punt, Pass, & Kick Competition Volunteer  
Adopt a Highway Program Volunteer  
Bonduel 4th of July Celebration Volunteer  
Bonduel FFA Alumni Event Volunteer  
Shawano County Fair Volunteer  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church Usher  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church Youth Softball Coach  
Donations to Wisconsin FFA Foundation  
Donations to National FFA Foundation

### **Accomplishments & Honors:**

#### University Level:

UW-River Falls Varsity Sports Letter Winner, 1994  
Alpha Zeta - National Honorary Agricultural Fraternity, 1994-present

#### Local Level:

DeKalb Outstanding Leader Recipient, 1993  
Dale Carnegie Course Scholarship, 1993  
Shawano County Farm Progress Days Scholarship, 1996-97  
Whitetails Unlimited Scholarship, 1993  
Bay Lakes Cooperative Scholarship, 1993  
Army Reserve Student Academic/Athletic Medal, 1993  
Bonduel High School Academic Letter Winner, 1992  
Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1990



# John Ainsworth

**State Representative • 6th Assembly District**

Chair: Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GRANT STASZAK FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

(August 13, 1997)

Thank you, Chairman Potter, for calling this hearing and allowing me to testify on behalf of Grant Staszak's confirmation as Student Regent.

Grant's leadership abilities have long been recognized by his peers and supervisors. He has served as a local and statewide officer for his FFA as well as Student Senate President of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Grant has gained experience in assessing the future needs of the U.W. system through his position on the Reach for the Future Steering Committee while attending U.W. River Falls.

Grant's employment on several area farms and his persistence in making the contacts necessary in achieving this appointment shows us that he is not afraid of the hard work and dedication required to reach the goals he has set for himself. I am sure he will use this same dedication, determination and sincerity in assisting the U.W. system to continue to achieve the worthy goals it has established.

I would very much appreciate the swift and unanimous confirmation of Grant Staszak as U.W. Student Regent for the benefit of the University system, its students and the State of Wisconsin in general.