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Career Counseling and Advising Services (UW System)

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CURRENT LAW

While there is no standard structure for advising that is used by all UW System institutions, campuses generally follow either a centralized or decentralized structure, or a combination of the two. Centralized advising is characterized by a central advising office staffed by professional advisors who serve undergraduate students who have not declared a major and other groups of students with special needs such as athletes and students on academic probation. After a student has declared a major, he or she is usually assigned a faculty advisor in the appropriate department. Campuses with decentralized advising structures primarily use faculty members to provide both general academic advising and advising in the student's major. Campuses that have a combined structure usually rely on faculty to provide most individual advising services but also have a central advising office.

GOVERNOR

Provide \$750,000 PR and 15.0 PR positions starting in 2002-03 to enhance student career counseling and advising services at all UW System institutions.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. Of the \$750,000 provided in the bill for Systemwide advising efforts, \$723,100 would support the cost of salaries and fringe benefits for the 15.0 advising staff positions. According to DOA staff, the UW System would have the flexibility to use the advising positions at UW institutions. According to UW System staff, the positions would be allocated among the UW institutions as follows: one position to each doctoral/four-year institution and two positions in total

to colleges. In addition, \$26,900 would be available for supplies and services for the new positions.

- 2. The 15.0 positions provided in the Governor's proposal would be in addition to advising positions provided to UW campuses under 1999 Act 9. The 1999-01 budget provided 28.5 PR advising staff, which were allocated as follows: 3.0 positions at UW-Madison; 2.5 at UW-Milwaukee; a total of 16.5 at the comprehensive campuses; and a total of 6.5 at the UW College campuses. In addition, the 1999-01 budget provided 5.5 GPR positions to UW colleges for recruitment, advising and counseling positions for UW Colleges.
- 3. The University's budget requests relating to advising over the last few biennia have been in response to student requests for better access to advising. The availability and quality of student advising were among the categories rated the lowest in a student satisfaction survey conducted in July 1995. In the survey, 95% of students indicated satisfaction with their overall experience in the University, and 95% were satisfied with the quality of instruction. However, some of the lowest student satisfaction ratings were reported in the areas of academic advising and the quality of academic advising. In response to a question about the overall quality of the academic advising services they received, only 75% said that they were satisfied with the quality of advising. Of the students in the survey that had sought advising services, 73% responded that advising was always or usually available.
- 4. While most UW undergraduate programs require students to complete 124 credits, in recent years, the average number of credits attempted by students prior to graduation has been 139. The large number of students taking excess credits results in some students having difficulty enrolling in required courses reduces access to the University for other students and increases costs. Improvements in academic and career advising are often cited as a way to encourage better credit management by students, thus reducing the number of excess credits and shortening the amount of time students take to graduate. The University indicates that increases in the number of transfer and nontraditional students and the proliferation of distance education courses also contribute to the need to increase the number of advisors and improve advising efforts.
- 5. It could be argued that the additional advisor positions are necessary given that enrollment has increased by approximately 2,500 students since 1998 and student advisor ratios remain below recommended standards. According to the ACT Center for Educational Enhancement, a target ratio of 300 students per full-time advisor is recommended. The center recommends a lower ratio for high-risk students or students with undeclared majors than for students who enroll in more structured programs. Data from a 2001 survey of UW institutions showed that, of the seven institutions where academic staff advisors are responsible for a large proportion of advising for undeclared students, only UW-Eau Claire, UW-Parkside and UW-Stevens Point have student/advisor ratios of less than 300 to one. UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee and UW-Green Bay have ratios of approximately 500 to one, and UW Oshkosh has a ratio of 900 to one.
- 6. The bill would provide only PR funding for advising requested in the UW System's economic stimulus package proposal. In its agency budget request, the UW asked for these

positions using the traditional 65% GPR/35% PR funding split. To accomplish this, funding in the bill could be adjusted adding GPR funding and reducing PR funding by a corresponding amount. As an alternative, an additional 7.5 advising positions could be provided in 2002-03 using 65% GPR/35% PR funding, which would be consistent with the UW's agency budget request, although the UW had requested a half-year of funding in 2001-02. The new advising positions would be used to enhance academic advising throughout the system for freshmen and students who have not yet declared majors.

7. Typically, funding for instruction-related initiatives in the UW System's budget is provided through a combination of 65% GPR and 35% program revenues derived from tuition. According to DOA staff, the advising initiative would be funded exclusively with tuition because it would directly benefit UW students and students would be more likely to be involved in decisions regarding the expenditure of tuition monies. In addition, it could be argued that if students are required to pay for improvements in advising, they may be more likely to take advantage of the advising services available to them. The average increase in tuition that would result from the Governor's advising initiative proposal is estimated at 0.15%, or about \$5 per year for resident undergraduate students.

ALTERNATIVES TO BILL

- 1. Approve Governor's recommendation to provide \$750,000 PR and 15.0 PR positions in 2002-03 to improve academic and career counseling services at all UW System institutions.
- 2. Modify the Governor's recommendation by providing an additional \$865,000 GPR and 22.5 GPR positions and deleting \$285,000 PR and 15.0 PR positions in 2002-03 to provide the 2002-03 funding requested by the UW System in its agency budget request.

Alternative 2	<u>GPR</u>	PR	TOTAL
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	\$865,000	- \$285,000	\$580,000
2002-03 POSITIONS (Change to Bill)	22.50	- 15.00	7.50

3. Modify the Governor's recommendation by providing an additional \$1,000,000 PR and 7.5 PR positions in 2002-03 to provide the PR funding for the amount and number of positions requested by the University to improve advising.

Alternative 3	<u>PR</u>
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	\$1,000,000
2002-03 POSITIONS (Change to Bill)	7.50

4. Modify the Governor's recommendation by providing \$488,000 GPR and 15.0 GPR positions and deleting \$488,000 PR and 15.0 PR positions in 2002-03 to provide the funding based

Alternative 4	GPR	PR	TOTAL
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	\$488,000	- \$488,000	\$0
2002-03 POSITIONS (Change to Bill)	15.00	- 15.00	0.00

5. Maintain current law.

Alternative 5	<u>PR</u>
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$750,000
2002-03 POSITIONS (Change to Bill)	- 15.00

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La Crosse Health Science Center Operating Costs (UW System)

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CURRENT LAW

Under 1999 Act 9, \$220,700 GPR and \$118,800 PR in 1999-00 and \$441,300 GPR and \$237,600 PR in 2001-02 were provided to the UW System to pay for UW-La Crosse's share of the operating and maintenance costs associated with the La Crosse Health Science Center. This funding was provided on a one-time basis for the 1999-01 biennium only.

GOVERNOR

No provision.

DISCUSSION POINTS

- 1. DOA staff has indicated that \$441,300 GPR and \$237,600 PR of annual funding should have been eliminated as a noncontinuing item under standard budget adjustments. This would be consistent with the 2001-03 Budget Instructions used by all state agencies in the 2001-03 budget process. However, this was not done. Therefore, annual funding of \$678,900 (\$441,300 GPR and \$237,600 PR) is contained within the University's budget for 2001-03 under SB 55.
- 2. The La Crosse Medical Health Science Consortium was formed in 1993 to enhance and strengthen primary care and medical health science education and research through collaborative programming and the use of shared resources and expertise. The Consortium consists of UW-La Crosse, Western Wisconsin Technical College (Western), Viterbo College, Gundersen Lutheran and Franciscan Skemp Healthcare/Mayo Health System. The Consortium was established to address health care provider shortages and other issues in 22 counties in a tri-state area that

includes southwestern Wisconsin, northeastern Iowa and southeastern Minnesota.

- 3. The facility provides space for education and training in health care fields for approximately 330 students. The UW-La Crosse programs that are housed in the Center include nuclear medicine technology, medical laboratory science, radiation therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and clinical microbiology. In addition, students enrolled in other health-related programs at UW-La Crosse receive some of their classroom and clinical training at the Center.
- 4. As the lead member of the Consortium, UW-La Crosse occupies approximately 70% of the Center. UW-La Crosse is charged back by the Consortium for its use of the space in the building, and for the associated costs of building maintenance, operations, and technology expense; its share of maintenance and operations costs is \$678,900 annually. The 1999-01 biennial budget provided funding to cover the estimated annual maintenance and operating costs, but the funding was scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2001.
- 5. As part of its original budget request, and as part of its economic stimulus proposal, the UW System sought a base budget adjustment of \$514,800 GPR and \$164,100 PR annually for UW-La Crosse to meet its share of annual expenses. The traditional 65% GPR/35% tuition split was not requested for the operating and maintenance costs because the University normally splits costs for physical plant with 75% GPR/25% PR. However, under 1999 Act 9, the funding for operations and maintenance for the facility were provided at the 65% GPR/35% PR ratio normally utilized for instruction funding.
- 6. The UW System requested state funding for the operating and maintenance costs of the Center, because without the funding, the campus would have to reallocate funds from other programs. In general, UW institutions are expected to pay for operating and maintenance costs associated with new buildings through base reallocations. However, since the facility is not a part of UW-La Crosse's campus, and facility maintenance staff are not UW employees, it cannot reallocate existing maintenance and operations staff as would normally be done to accommodate a new campus facility.
- 7. Currently, Western pays its portion of the operating costs, \$285,000, for the project out of its own resources. It could be argued that UW-La Crosse should fund operating and maintenance costs from its own resources as is required of its consortium partners, and as is generally practiced by the UW System campuses for new buildings.

ALTERNATIVES TO BILL

- 1. Approve the Governor's recommendation, which would maintain base funding of \$441,300 GPR and \$237,600 PR annually for the operating and maintenance costs associated with the La Crosse Health Science Center.
- 2. Delete \$441,300 GPR and \$237,600 PR annually from the UW System, to recognize that this funding was provided on a one-time basis in 1999 Act 9 for the operating and maintenance

costs associated with the La Crosse Health Science Center.

Alternative 2	GPR	PR	TOTAL
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$882,600	- \$475,200	- \$1,357,800

3. Provide an additional \$73,500 GPR annually and delete \$73,500 PR annually for the operating and maintenance costs associated with the La Crosse Health Science Center to adjust funding to be consistent with the UW System agency request.

Alternative 3	GPR	PR	TOTAL
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	\$147,000	- \$147,000	\$0

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Depreciation Offset for General Purpose Revenue Funds (UW System)

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CURRENT LAW

Depreciation costs for instructional buildings represent part of the costs which are funded through GPR and tuition. The UW System budget was last adjusted in 1999-01 to reflect revenue from depreciation charges.

GOVERNOR

No provision.

DISCUSSION POINTS

- In the UW System, instructional costs are shared between GPR (65%) and tuition (35%). The Board of Regents sets tuition based on a calculation of total instructional costs which include direct and indirect costs.
- Because debt service is funded solely through GPR, students do not share in these costs, even for instructional facilities. Therefore, a depreciation charge for new buildings is included in total instructional costs, and thus, in the calculation of tuition. The total depreciation charge, which is based on the expected useful life of an instructional building, is equal to 3.5% of the value of new facilities. The 35% student share of instructional costs is then applied to the total depreciation charge.
- In each biennium, as new buildings are completed, the depreciation charge generates additional tuition revenues for the UW System. Because these funds are not set aside for depreciation-related items such as building maintenance, these revenues represent an increase in the amount of monies available to support the University's budget.

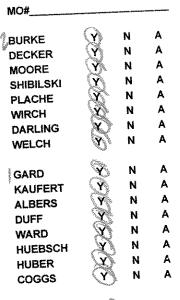
- 4. The tuition revenues generated by the depreciation charge and corresponding PR funding increase are taken as a direct GPR offset to instructional funding because the costs of depreciation are not included in the University's operating budget.
- 5. While a charge for depreciation will be assessed to students in the 2001-03 biennium, the bill does not include additional tuition revenues which will be generated from such a charge, nor have such funds been used to offset GPR. Since the charge to students and related PR funding increase for the UW system is intended to be a GPR offset, it would be appropriate to reduce the GPR instructional budget for the UW System by an equal amount. This type of adjustment has been made in each biennial budget since 1983-85.
- 6. The estimated cumulative net value of the new instructional buildings funded with GPR bonding is \$14.8 million in 2001-02 and \$28.2 million in 2002-03. This increased value will generate additional tuition revenues of approximately \$181,600 in 2001-02 and \$345,200 in 2002-03, which would fund corresponding PR increases. Consequently, an equivalent amount of GPR can be deleted from the University's budget.

MODIFICATION

Reduce the University's budget by \$181,600 GPR in 2001-02 and \$345,200 GPR in 2002-03 and provide \$181,600 PR in 2001-02 and \$345,200 PR in 2002-03 to reflect the application of revenues to be received in 2001-03 from depreciation charges assessed to students.

Modification	GPR	<u>PR</u>	TOTAL
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$526,800	\$526,800	\$0

Prepared by: John Stott



Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Composition and Administrative Funding

Motion:

Move to allow the President of the UW System to appoint two additional members, one being a forestry industry and one a energy industry representative to the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB).

Note:

This motion would add a forestry and a energy representative to WEEB.

Under current law, the Board consists of fifteen members: one member, appointed for a 3-year term by the President of the UW System to represent each of the following groups: elementary and secondary school environmental educators, conservation and environmental organizations, business and industry, agriculture, labor, higher education faculty, and non-formal environmental educational organizations; in addition the board consists of representatives from DPI, DNR, UW System, WTCS, one majority and one minority member of the Assembly, and one majority and one minority member of the Senate.

WEEB, which is attached to the UW System, is responsible for identifying needs and establishing priorities for environmental education in public schools. WEEB's base budget is approximately \$485,000 annually and includes \$200,000 GPR, \$200,000 SEG from the forestry conservation fund; the balance of funding is from grants. Currently, WEEB may spend up to 5%, or approximately \$10,000 annually, of the forestry conservation funding for administrative expenses. The Board currently employees one 0.5 FTE administrator.

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Executive Salary Ranges

Motion:

Move to remove certain executive positions from the state's executive salary plan, and permit the Board of Regents to set the salary ranges and salaries within the University's base resources for these positions. The Board of Regents would set the salary ranges based on an analysis of salaries paid for similar positions at comparable universities in other states. The positions would include the System President and Senior Vice Presidents, campus Chancellors and the Senior Vice Chancellors of the Madison and Milwaukee campuses.

Note:

This motion would remove certain executive positions from the state's executive salary plan, and permit the Board to set the salary ranges and salaries. Under current law, nine categories of senior administrative positions at the UW System are assigned to the University Senior Executive Salary Group; the Secretary of Employment Relations established the salary range that applies to these positions in 1999. This proposal would retain authority of the DER Secretary to recommend to JCOER salary range dollar values for the University senior executives in groups 1 and 2. Those positions are the Vice Presidents for Finance and University Relations and the non-doctoral Vice Chancellors.

According to UW System staff, the salary range maximums for the executive positions affected by this motion are below the market midpoint at peer institutions; position maximums range from 11.7% to 56.8% below the peer midpoint. The salary increase for the 22 positions affected by this motion could total approximately \$750,000 annually, if the Board chose to increase the salaries of these positions to the peer institution salary midpoints identified by the Regents. The actual amount of any pay increases would be at the discretion of the Regents. No additional funding would be provided; the Board would need to fund these salary increases through base resources.

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UW-Green Bay Learning Experience Initiative

Motion:

Move to provide \$162,500 GPR and \$87,500 PR annually for the UW-Green Bay Learning Experience Initiative.

[Change to Base: \$325,000 GPR and \$175,000 PR]

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UW-Extension Small Business Development Center

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Move to provide \$340,800 GPR in 2001-02 and \$600,000 GPR in 2002-03 for the small business development center (SBDC) under UW-Extension.

Note:

The motion would provide funding to expand the services of UW-Extension's 13 SBDCs, which support existing and start-up small businesses with technical information, advice and education, including referrals to investors, business plan review services and seminars, workshops and conferences. SBDCs were provided approximately \$1.5 million FED and \$1.5 million GPR in 2000-01 in matching funds through UW-Extension. In addition, SBDCs generated approximately \$1.4 million in 2000-01 in program revenue.

[Change to Bill: \$940,800 GPR]

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UW and WTCS Transfer Credit Report

Motion:

Move to require the President of the UW Board of Regents, the President of the UW System, the President of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board and the State Director of the Wisconsin Technical College System to submit a report on or before October 15, 2001, April 15, 2002, October 15, 2002 and April 15, 2003 to the education committees of the Assembly and the Senate on the status of implementing the joint UW-WTCS resolution to reduce barriers to technical college student graduates enrolling in specific UW degree completion and broad-based bachelor degree programs. In addition, specify that the report must outline an additional array of high-demand occupations, by geographical region within Wisconsin, that are planned for expansion under this intersystem resolution.

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Tuition Funding and GPR Base Reallocation for Economic Stimulus Proposal

Motion:

Move to provide an additional \$8,944,600 PR in 2002-03 and require the UW System to reallocate \$8,944,600 GPR starting in 2002-03 from base resources for the following:

- 1. Provide \$2,715,400 PR and reallocate \$2,715,400 of base funding in 2002-03 to expand the supply of professionals in high demand labor markets. Funding would be provided to UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Parkside, UW-Platteville, UW-Stevens Point, and UW-Whitewater for expanded enrollment in high-tech, high-demand and biotechnology courses.
- 2. Provide \$2,100,000 PR and reallocate \$2,100,000 of base funding in 2002-03 for UW-Madison to fund phase two of the UW-Madison Initiative.
- 3. Provide \$2,960,000 PR and reallocate \$2,960,000 of base funding in 2002-03 for UW-Milwaukee to fund the first phase of the UW-Milwaukee Idea.
- 4. Provide \$1,169,200 PR and reallocate \$1,169,200 of base funding in 2002-03 for student advising, collaborative language programs, study abroad grants and UW System libraries to make available up-to-date comprehensive library resources.

Note:

This motion would provide an additional \$8,944,600 PR from tuition revenue and require the UW System to reallocate \$8,944,600 GPR from base resources.

[Change to Bill: \$8,944,600 PR]

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Abolish Pharmacy Internship Board and Create Grant for Wisconsin Patient Safety Institute, Inc

Motion:

Move to abolish the pharmacy internship board effective December 31, 2001, and delete \$110,000 GPR annually, starting in 2001-02, related to the board from the UW System general program operations appropriation. Further, provide \$110,000 GPR annually in a new, annual DOA appropriation to provide the Wisconsin Patient Safety Institute, Inc. (WPSI) a grant for collection, analysis and dissemination of information about patient safety and training of health care providers and their employees directed toward improving patient safety. Prohibit funds provided to WPSI from being expended for entertainment, foreign travel or payments to persons not providing goods or services to WPSI.

Further, effective December 31, 2001, delete the current pharmacy internship program and the requirement that a candidate submit proof to the Pharmacy Examining Board that they have completed an approved internship in the practice of pharmacy or have practical experience acquired in another state, approved and verified by the other state's equivalent of the Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board as a comparable internship, before taking an examination for licensure as a pharmacist. Further, delete the requirement that pharmacy internships consist of practical experience in the responsibilities of a pharmacist and are conducted under the supervision of a pharmacist approved by the pharmacy internship board, and that the director of the pharmacy internship program determines when an applicant has completed an internship and notifies the Pharmacy Examining Board of all applicants who have completed internships.

Allow an individual who either has successfully completed their second year and is enrolled in an accredited school of pharmacy, or is a pharmacist licensed in another state awaiting licensure in Wisconsin, to perform the duties of a pharmacist in Wisconsin under the direct supervision of a licensed Wisconsin pharmacist.

Note:

Under current law, the pharmacy internship board is attached to the UW System and consists of seven members. Although funding would be deleted from the UW System, the Board would retain its authorized 2.0 positions for pharmacy program administration.

The pharmacy internship board's primary role is to ensure that pharmacists practicing in Wisconsin meet minimum standards for practical experience. Specific duties of the board include establishing minimum competency requirements for interns, approving the pharmacies where interns receive their training and training, certifying and evaluating those who supervise and evaluate the interns.

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Executive Salaries

Motion:

Move to direct that if the UW Board of Regents increase salaries under motion #1320, that any funding to support those increases not come from pre-college programs or programs that support services for minority and disabled students.

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Link AOP Increases to UW System Tuition

Motion:

Move to link annual increases in the appropriations for the Lawton undergraduate minority retention grant program and the advanced opportunity program (AOP) grants to the average prior year increase for resident undergraduate tuition at UW System comprehensive institutions starting in 2002-03. Modify these appropriations from biennial sum certain to be sum sufficient appropriations.

Require the UW System Board to determine by February 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the average percentage by which the undergraduate academic fees charged for the current academic year within the UW System at comprehensive institutions increased or decreased from the undergraduate academic fees charged for the previous academic year. The appropriation for the next fiscal year would be obtained by increasing, to the nearest \$100, the base amount appropriated for the previous year by the percentage change in academic fees during the current academic year. If the academic fees for the current academic year decreased or did not change from the undergraduate academic fees charged for the previous academic year, the appropriation would remain at the base amount. The "base amount" for determining the 2002-03 increase would be defined as the amount shown in the Chapter 20 appropriation schedule for the previous year, and in future years it would be the prior year funding amount.

Increase estimated funding for Lawton by \$184,700 GPR in 2002-03 and increase funding for ADOP by \$301,700 GPR in 2002-03.

Note:

This motion would link annual increases for the Lawton and AOP need based aid program appropriations to the average annual increase of undergraduate resident tuition during the prior academic year within the UW System.

The Board of Regents of the UW System is delegated the authority to set tuition. Under current law, the Board may set separate tuition rates for state residents and nonresidents and also for different classes of students, extension courses, summer sessions and special programs. The annualized rate of change in tuition for resident undergraduate students at UW-Madison was 7.3% from 1981-82 to 2000-01 and 5.7% from 1990-91 to 2000-01.

Assuming UW tuition would increase 7% in 2001-02, funding for Lawton would increase by \$184,700 in 2002-03 over the base of \$2,638,000 in 2001-02, ADOP would increase by \$301,700 over the base of \$4,309,400.

[Change to Bill: \$486,400 GPR]

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AGENCY: UW System - Wisconsin Environmental Education Board

BURKE MOTION: WEEB

Motion adds a seat on the Board for a "Forestry" representative and an "Energy" representative. Also provides \$5,000 GPR for WEEB's administrative expenses.

WEEB was created in 1990. At that time the administrative budget was \$36,000. When the Board was transferred from DPI to the UW System (at Stevens Point) in 1997 the budget for administrative expenses was reduced to \$32,900. So, they've been plodding along for over a decade with no increase in administrative expense funding — and actually suffered a decline in funding.

The addition of Forestry and Energy seats on the Board reflect the fact that WEEB has recently started receiving funding and making grants in these two areas. These sectors need to be specifically represented on the Board.

I view the WEEB as a real success story. They started out in 1990 giving out \$200,000 a year in education grants to schools, libraries, nature centers and other outdoor education facilities. Now, through private fundraising efforts (which the statutes require them to do) and by getting forestry funds and public benefits money they are now awarding close to a million dollars a year in grants. Clearly they could use another \$5,000 for administrative costs. They have one ¾ time staff person and a bunch of volunteers who do all the work.

Thanks to a lot of people involved with WEEB and UW Stevens Point, Wisconsin is at the forefront nationally in providing high-quality, unbiased environmental education curriculum and teacher training.

Currently, on the WEEB are: Rep. Kedzie, Rep. Miller, Sen. Harsdorf, and myself, along with a representative from WMC, the Farm Bureau, the Tech Colleges, the Environmental Education Assoc., etc. It's a very good, balanced forum to produce good educational opportunities for Wisconsinites.

(See attached memo for support)

BY: Barry

TO:

Members of Joint Finance Committee

FROM:

Sabrina Gentile

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, 828.5711

Jeff Schoepke

Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, 258.3400

Bill Skewes

Wisconsin Utilities Association, 257.3151

DATE:

April 30, 2001

RE:

Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB)

Budget Amendment

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce and the Wisconsin Utilities Association support the addition of a Forestry representative and an Energy representative to the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board. We also support \$5000 in additional funding for administrative costs.

Currently, WEEB has representatives from Business & Industry, Environmental Organizations, UW System, Nature Centers & Zoos, Agriculture, DPI, Environmental Educators, Labor, WI Technical Colleges, DNR, Higher Education Facility, and the Legislature. Environmental issues play an important role in Forestry and Energy resources and therefore, should be represented on the committee.

WEEB was created in 1990 to identify needs, establish priorities and provide grants for environmental education in Wisconsin. WEEB is administered through the University of Wisconsin System. Thank you for considering our views. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

UW System - Sustainable Agriculture

BURKE MOTION:

- Provides additional funding for the UW Center for Integrated Agricultural Studies, for the UW Center for Dairy Profitability and for the UW Program on Agricultural Technology Studies.
- It's all new GPR, so this isn't the best time to be offering this motion but I want to make a point. Although I from Wisconsin's largest city, I still feel a strong connection to rural Wisconsin and want to see agriculture survive and prosper here. I'm proud of our moniker "America's Dairyland."
- The programs in this motion are the types of things I think we should be focusing on to help farmers in this state. This is obviously a complicated issue, with lots of things beyond our control, but these are my priorities.
- This motion has the support of a lot of the same folks who worked on the larger Family Farm proposal and who will be working with me later in the month when I introduce the omnibus Family Farm Protection legislation.

Bill Agency

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