

April 13, 1999

The State of Wisconsin  
Joint Committee on Finance  
Madison WI 53707

Dear Review Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to acknowledge support of the Governor's proposed 6% increase in the UW Wisconsin Higher Education Grant, WTCS Wisconsin Higher Education Grant, and the Wisconsin Tuition Grant categories. Along with these increases is a recommendation for change in statutory language to allow movement to one Wisconsin Higher Education Grant award formula for both independent and dependent student populations.

As a member of the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board, I can attest to the support of the University of Wisconsin System, the Wisconsin Technical College System, and the HEAB Board Members in support of the two above recommendations. These are positive steps in attempting to meet the needs of Wisconsin residents.

The total cost of education continues to rise, yet federal assistance in grant dollars has not kept pace. As financial aid officers, we see students borrowing greater amounts to finance their college education and to cover living expenses and child care costs.

The UW System and the Wisconsin Technical College System are developing respective formulas to try to address the unmet financial need of students with the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant dollars. The proposed 6% increase is a starting point to reach those needs.

In closing, I appreciate the continued support of State Government in providing higher education opportunities for Wisconsin residents in order to ensure education without burdensome debt. I encourage you to recognize the need for an ongoing commitment of resources to the State Grant Programs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Mary Jo Green  
Financial Aid Supervisor



University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

Student Government Association  
Angie Gonzalez, Legislative Issues Director

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*Apr. 13*

Good morning Joint Finance Committee,

My name is Angie Gonzalez and I am the Legislative Issues Director for the Student Government Association at UW-Stevens Point. I am a first year senior looking to graduate next spring. As I look around at my classmates around me, I see too many of them needing to work, not spending enough time becoming involved in campus activities, always worrying where next semester's tuition will come from. In a way, I feel we have been cheated. While we receive a quality education here at UWSP, there are many who cannot participate in other activities that are necessary and valuable to our college experience. I say this to you, our elected officials, because we are looking to you to help restore campus involvement by increasing the amount of financial aid in the form of grants. This would enable our students throughout the state to receive the money they need and not work as many hours.

In the 1999-2001 biennium, the Governor's proposed budget level-funded two very important grant programs – the TIP (Talent Incentive Program) and the Lawton Grant. An increase of 6% is the minimal amount necessary to provide appropriate access for students throughout the UW-System. We also need to maintain the 6% increase of the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant.

In 1998, the average UW-System student graduated with \$14,201, 56% of all UW students received financial aid and 70% of that financial aid was in the form of loans. This high debt needs to end. I urge you to provide the 6% increases in grant programs and help future graduates lower their debt. It is imperative that we take a strong stand now, before students have to work more hours instead of class, or worse yet, drop out of school. Access to higher public education must be preserved – not in the form of loans, but in the form of state grants.

In closing, I thank you for coming to Stevens Point. Other students will come in front of you today to speak on tuition flexibility, or continuing appropriations, Plan 2008, Academic and Career Advising, and faculty pay increase. They speak on behalf of students and our message is united: Keep the quality of the UW System affordable and accessible.  
Thank you for your time.

*Angela M Gonzalez*

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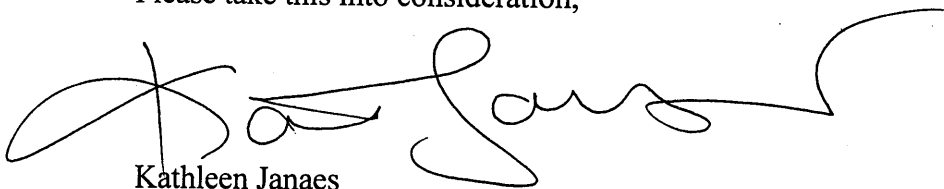
I am currently a senior at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. I am also work three jobs on the side to help me pay my way through school. I have only one major complaint about the UW system; tuition continues to rise without regard to the effect it has on the students that are obligated to pay for an education.

Financial aid seems to be the answer to everyone's tuition complaints, yet it caters to only a small portion of the students. In my situation, my family's income deters me from receiving sufficient financial aid without regards to the fact that my family lives in a city with a much higher standard of living and property tax. I am an out of state student and tuition is already more than twice the amount of residents. I cannot afford to pay this on my own without help from my family (that has six college students), but the system feels that since they make over a certain amount of money, they are obligated to pay for me until I am 23. I am unable to receive sufficient financial aid or even work study, therefore I must take out more and more loans with higher and higher interest rates. I am a student, I should not have to also work a full time job in order to make ends meet!

There are thousands of students out there in situations similar or worse than mine. I feel that raising the tuition is deterring many brilliant minds from receiving a higher education and by continuing to raise tuition is to support a decreasing knowledge base of our society and thus a decreasing economy!

**EDUCATION IS A RIGHT NOT A PRIVILEGE!**

Please take this into consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen Janaes', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Kathleen Janaes  
College of Natural Resources and  
Biology undergraduate student

To members of the Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee

I, Todd M. Norton, am a graduating Senior <sup>proposed</sup> so these changes won't directly affect me but this also means I can give you the most collective aspect of the situation as I have been in school longer. Tommy Thomsen's drive to increase funding for prisons & decrease funds for higher education is ludicrous. You can't expect students to continue paying higher and higher tuition for education. We are the richest nation in the world but we can't afford to fund education more fully. Huh?

Tuition flexibility flies in the face of democracy. From my understanding, the regents are appointed except one. So we shall give control of a public institution to a non-elected board to do with as they please. Democracy?

Well great, give them control but you will be cutting out opportunities for anyone not of moderate income.

This does affect students and their families in very personal ways. I have known many students and I myself have gone without healthcare, not been able to pay rent or other bills, felt personal strife, are disconnected from family & friends because they can't afford to contact them.

Some of these issues don't ~~fit~~ proof out in numbers; they are issues you must know personally. We must fund faculty, <sup>not from</sup> ~~tuition~~ <sup>tuition dollars</sup> We must get rid of tuition flexibility and keep the system within the democratic process, keep library funding and very importantly, get full funding for Plan 2008.

Thank You to the board for your time. I appreciate this opportunity to communicate with you.

Sincerely  
Todd Norton



## University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Student Government Association  
Senator, College of Letters & Science

Stevens Point, WI 54481-3897 (715) 346-4592

April 11, 1999

Dear Joint Finance Committee Members:

My name is Jeremy Ames, and I am a second year student here at UW-Stevens Point. I am also a representative of the Student Government Association. I grew up near La Crosse in a working-class family. I am able to fund my college education with a combination of private scholarships, federal loans, grants, and work-study; income from my summer job, and support from my family. Like many other students here, I wouldn't be able to afford to attend college if not for the UW-System.

At this University and throughout the UW-System, students are working longer hours to pay for tuition, which continues to increase faster than inflation. Many of those students have families to support as well. Each significant increase in tuition makes a college education unattainable to an ever increasing number of students.

When deciding on the budget for the UW-System, please support initiatives such as Plan 2008, Academic and Career Advising, Libraries, and Faculty Pay Raises with GPR dollars. Please remove the Governor's initiative that would take tuition flexibility away from elected officials like yourselves, and give it to unelected officials in the Board of Regents. Only with continued state support, and a commitment to keeping tuition low, can the UW-System maintain its current level of excellence. A strong UW-System is good for students, and good for the state's economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeremy Ames".

Jeremy Ames  
132 Knutzen Hall  
Stevens Point WI 54481

Joint Finance Committee,

5 April 1999

I am writing in regards to the biennial budget, specifically about the proposal for tuition flexibility. Currently I am a second year student at UW-Stevens Point. I am concerned that tuition flexibility would hurt many low to middle income students such as myself. By giving full deciding power to an un-elected body such as the Board of Regents we create a high risk of having tuition rise to a level where many students would not be able to keep up, especially when there is no increase in grant funding. I appreciate the low cost of a Wisconsin public higher education. I can not afford to pay more tuition. Already I have 2 jobs, one as an Army Reservist with the 452<sup>nd</sup> CSH in Milwaukee, and an on campus job. If tuition is allowed to go unchecked by students and legislators, I am afraid it would raise to a level which I would no longer be able to afford. Please re-evaluate tuition flexibility and pull it from the budget proposal.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth Mauritz*

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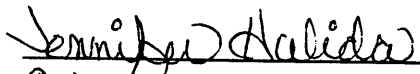
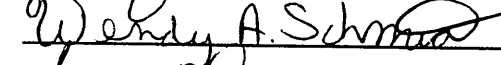
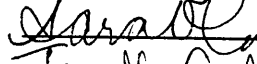

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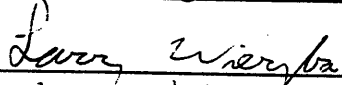
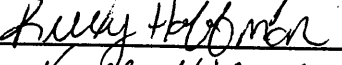
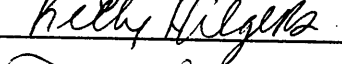
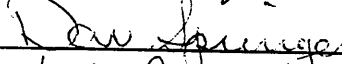
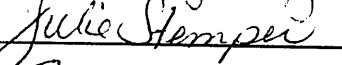
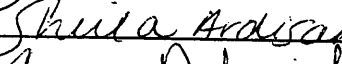
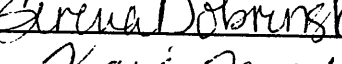
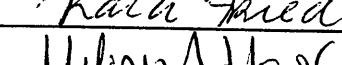
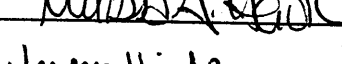
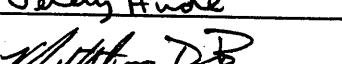
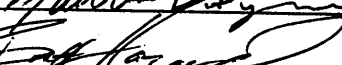

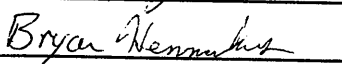

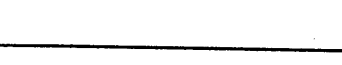
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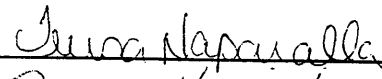
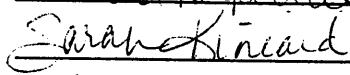


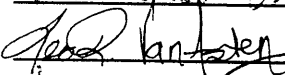
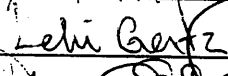

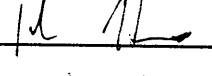
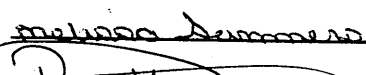

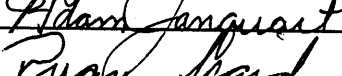
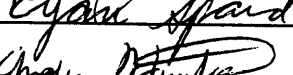
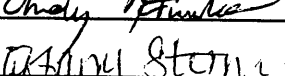
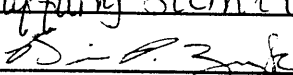
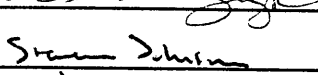
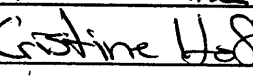

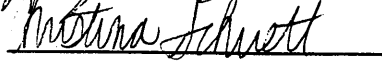

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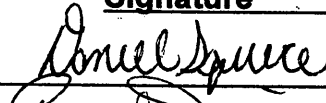
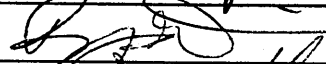
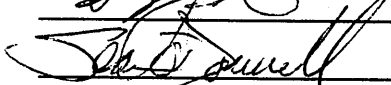
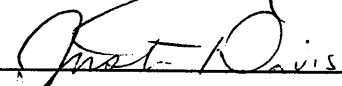
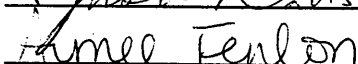
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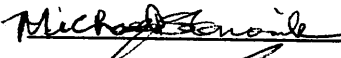
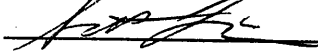
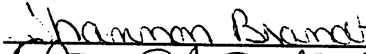

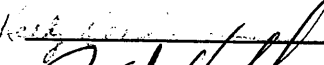
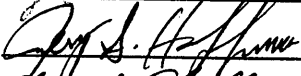
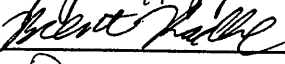
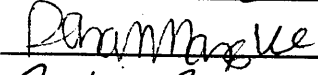
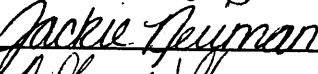
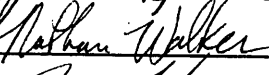
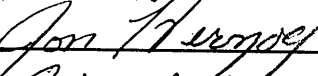
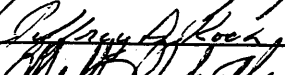
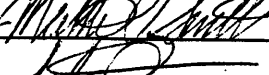
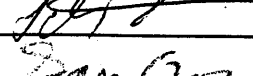
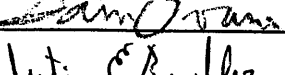
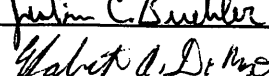
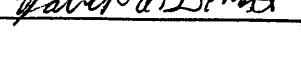
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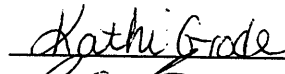

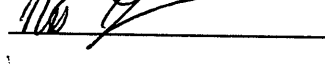
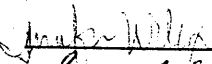

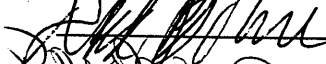


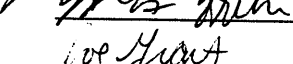
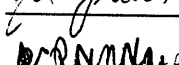
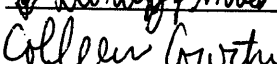
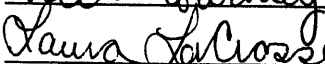
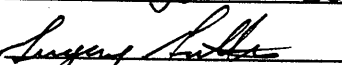
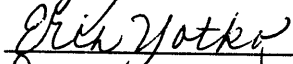
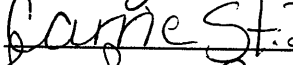
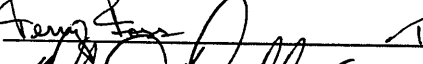

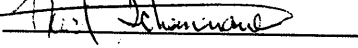

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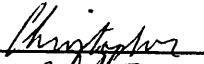

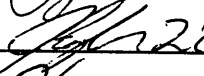

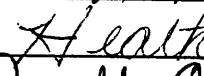
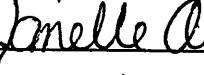
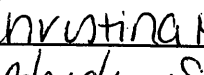
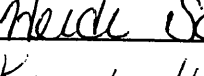
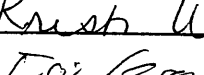
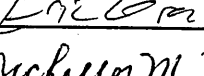

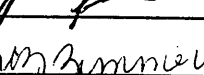
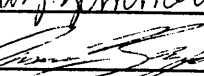
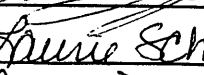
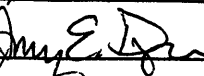
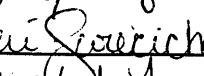
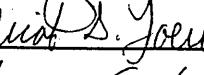


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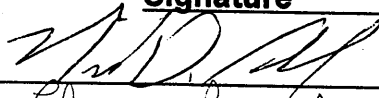
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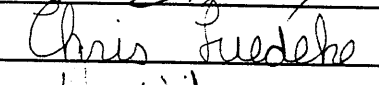
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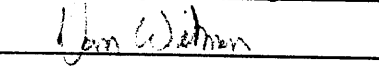
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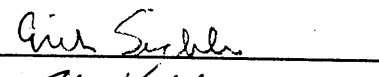
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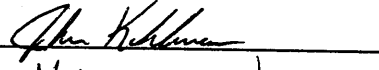
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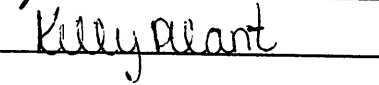
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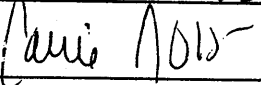

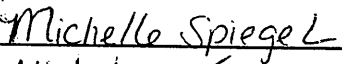
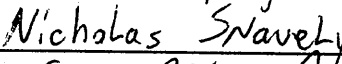
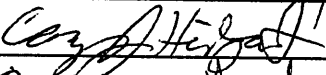
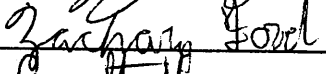
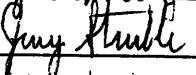
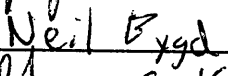
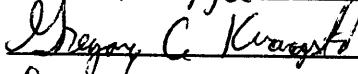
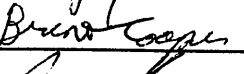
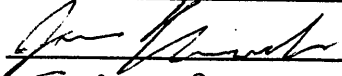
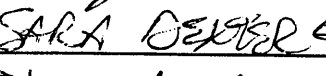
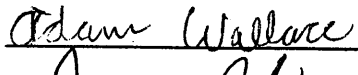
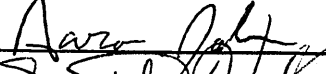
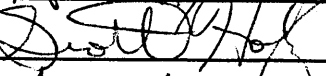
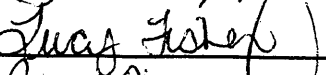
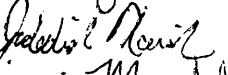
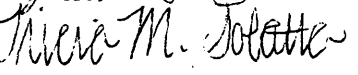


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JCF Hearing 4/14/99 Osceola

Testimony of  
Matthew Ludd

My name is Matthew Ludd. I attend the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire along side of the other 10,500 students there. I am studying Economics and Communication. I am also involved with the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate and the United Council of UW Students.

I realize that you know the Full Tuition Flexibility <sup>provision w/in the UW System budget</sup> very well. I would like ~~an~~ emphasize my absolute disdain for this provision. I oppose F.T.F. because it is undemocratic. The BOR were not elected, they do not have constituents, and there is barely any oversight by the Governor over the ~~paid~~ appointed Board.

We can have faith in the BOR that they won't raise tuition exorbitantly, but our wonderful state doesn't operate on faith. It works through the use of ~~an~~ the democratic process and the checks & balances that exist between Reps & Dems, Bureaucracies & <sup>Elected Officials</sup> ~~Parties~~, and the people & their representatives.

To give this power to the BOR is fiscally irresponsible. Any increase in tuition due to flexibility will breach the "social contract" that we have: Students pay  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the cost of education & the citizens pay the other  $\frac{2}{3}$ 's. As a student, I disagree <sup>large</sup> tuition increases. But as one of

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This state's 5 million citizens, I oppose any changes in that social contract that allows our citizens to provide higher education to improve those citizens' lives.

To: Joint Finance Committee  
State of Wisconsin

4-14-9  
Osceola

I am a board member and education committee chair for the Indianhead Chapter of Alzheimer's Association. I facilitate a caregiver awareness group as well. The Chapter serves 11 counties in western Wisconsin. I am also a medical social worker currently employed by a home health agency.

I came to advocate for options - for families who are touched by Alzheimer's disease. Many of the families I meet have incomes that disqualify them because they're not poverty level. In addition, need isn't high enough for them to support required care. Alzheimer's is a costly disease.

I am representing families who benefit from AFCSP (Alz. Family Caregiver Support Program). While not well advertised, it is administered by counties to provide equipment and care for families providing care in the community. Many of these people aren't eligible financially for COP funds or must be on a long waiting list. Safety and caregiver burn-out often limit the ability of someone with a dementia to remain at home.

Please continue and increase funding for AFCSP. Also consider funding adult day care.

I am also supporting the wage pass through. There are not enough laborers available to provide care in the home or in long term care. Quality care

requires consistent, well trained staff to work with individuals with cognitive and functional deficits. Those who might become nursing assistants are choosing instead to work elsewhere especially in the fast food industry. The work pays more and is less physically and emotionally challenging. Border communities compete with employers in the Minnesota metropolitan area because the pay scale is higher.

Please allow families to make a choice about caring for a member in the home or placing in a long term care facility. Fund the wage pass through to encourage laborers to choose health care.

Thank you.

Kerry Dallen, CSW  
Medical Social Worker

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Statement to the Joint Committee on Finance  
April 14, 1999 – Osceola, WI

My name is David Woodward and I am the Director of Financial Aid at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls. I am here today to speak in favor of the governor's budget proposal to increase the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant (WHEG) by 6%, in each of the next two years of the biennial budget. I know that my allotted time is short; therefore, I will be brief.

Since the 1992-93 school year there has been a dramatic shift in the financial aid that schools across the state of Wisconsin have been able to offer students to pay for their education. As the chart on the reverse side shows for the University of Wisconsin - River Falls the loan volume has more than doubled. The amount of Federal Pell Grant decreased significantly through 1995-96 and has begun a slight rebound with increases in the maximum annual award over the past three years. WHEG Grant has fluctuated over the last six years but has remained relatively constant.

This trend in increased loan volume is disturbing. About 2/3 of the students attending UW-River Falls borrow to finance their education. Average indebtedness for students attending UW-River Falls has risen to approximately \$12,500. Many students have been forced to work off campus during the school year to finance their education – others have made the choice to postpone seeking an education.

The federal government has made attempts to increase the level of Federal Pell Grant funding with moderate success. In 1998-99 the maximum award increased by \$300 and the award will increase by another \$125 in 1999-00. These increases are helpful to students and yet they fall short of the authorized levels set by Congress. Hopefully the trend in Pell Grant increases will continue.

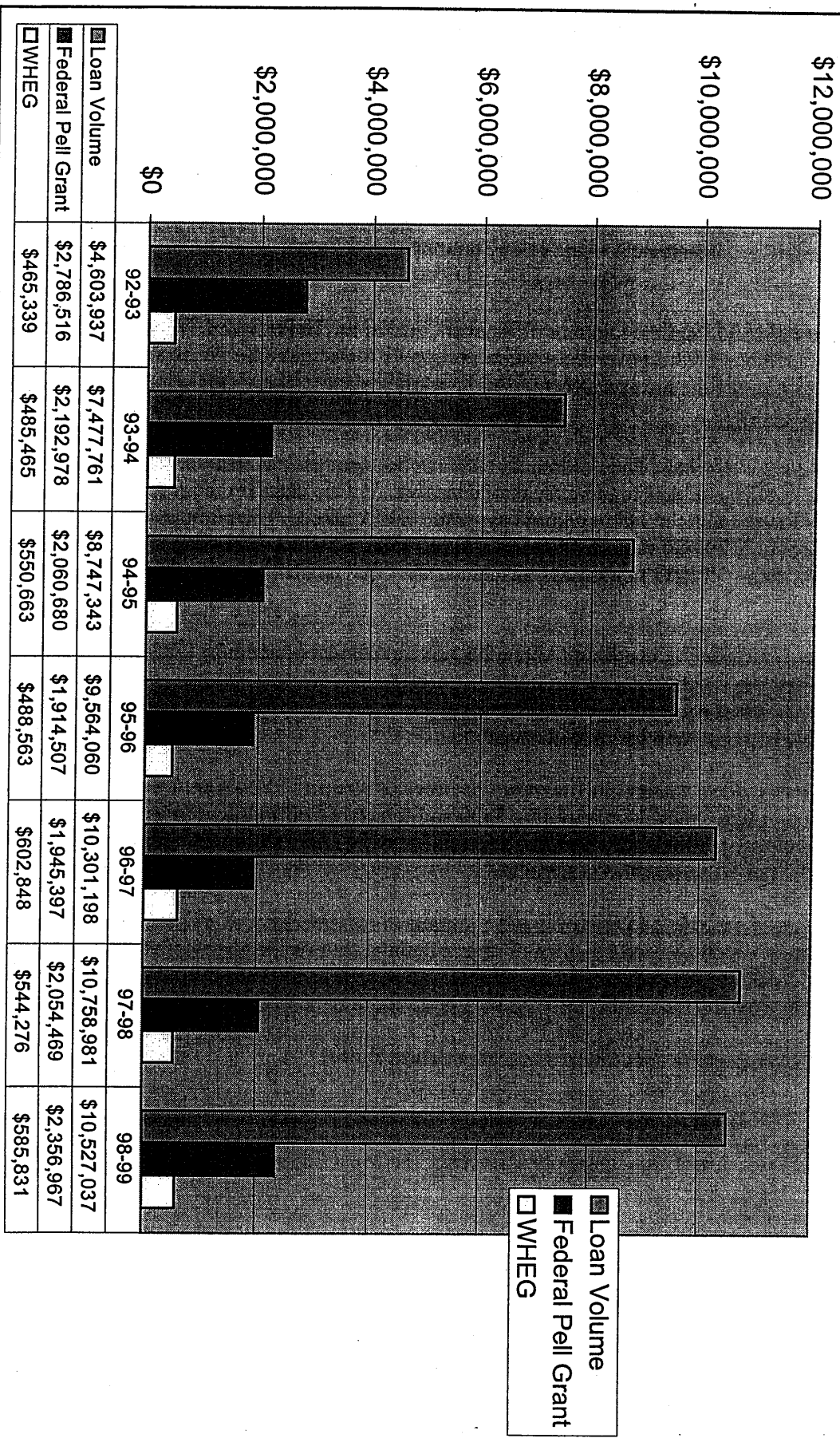
Your support for the continued funding of the state grant program is appreciated. A 6% increase in WHEG grant funding for each of the next two years would be a large step in helping to offset the heavier reliance on loans for all students. The most needy students (those that receive grant funding) are not immune from using loans to finance their education and would benefit the most from the increase grant funding – both at the federal and state levels.

Thank you for allowing my testimony to be entered into your deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Woodward  
Director of Financial Aid  
University of Wisconsin - River Falls

University of Wisconsin - River Falls  
Financial Aid Program Comparisons  
1992-93 through 1998-99



Prepared by David Woodward 4/13/99

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**PREPARED TESTIMONY  
FOR THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
APRIL 14, 1999**

**DAVID LOGGHE  
BOARD MEMBER  
WISCONSIN INDIANHEAD TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

OVERVIEW OF COLLEGE

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC) is the largest geographic district in the 16 technical college system. Located in northwestern Wisconsin (see map), we cover an area that is larger than eight states in the USA. We operate four campuses located in the population centers in the region. Two campuses in the north, at Superior and Ashland, and two campuses in the south at New Richmond and Rice Lake. Our administrative office is located in Shell Lake, Wisconsin. Our population is sparse – averaging 24 people per square mile. The state average is over 80 people per square mile. Providing educational services to our citizens effectively and efficiently in this sparsely populated region is always an on-going concern.

ENROLLMENTS

During the 1997-98 school year WITC provided educational services to the following number of students:

Associate Degree Programs	2908 students
Vocational Diploma Programs	<u>1794</u>
Total Post-Secondary Program	4702 students (4604 unduplicated)
Basic Education Programming (Adult Basic Education, Remediation, GED, HSED)	2316 students
Adult Continuing Education	
• Aidable Courses	18,990 students
• Non-aidable Courses	<u>581</u>
	19,571 students (19,425 unduplicated)
Total Number of Unduplicated Students Served	<b><u>24,869</u></b>

During the 1997-98 school year one in ten citizens took courses from WITC.

WORK WITH BUSINESS/INDUSTRY

During the 1997-98 school year, WITC contracted with 127 businesses in the region. Over 2,600 employees were served. Technical assistance contracts were signed with 28 companies. Contract volume totaled \$330,000. With 60% of the current school year completed, contract volume already exceeds \$400,000.

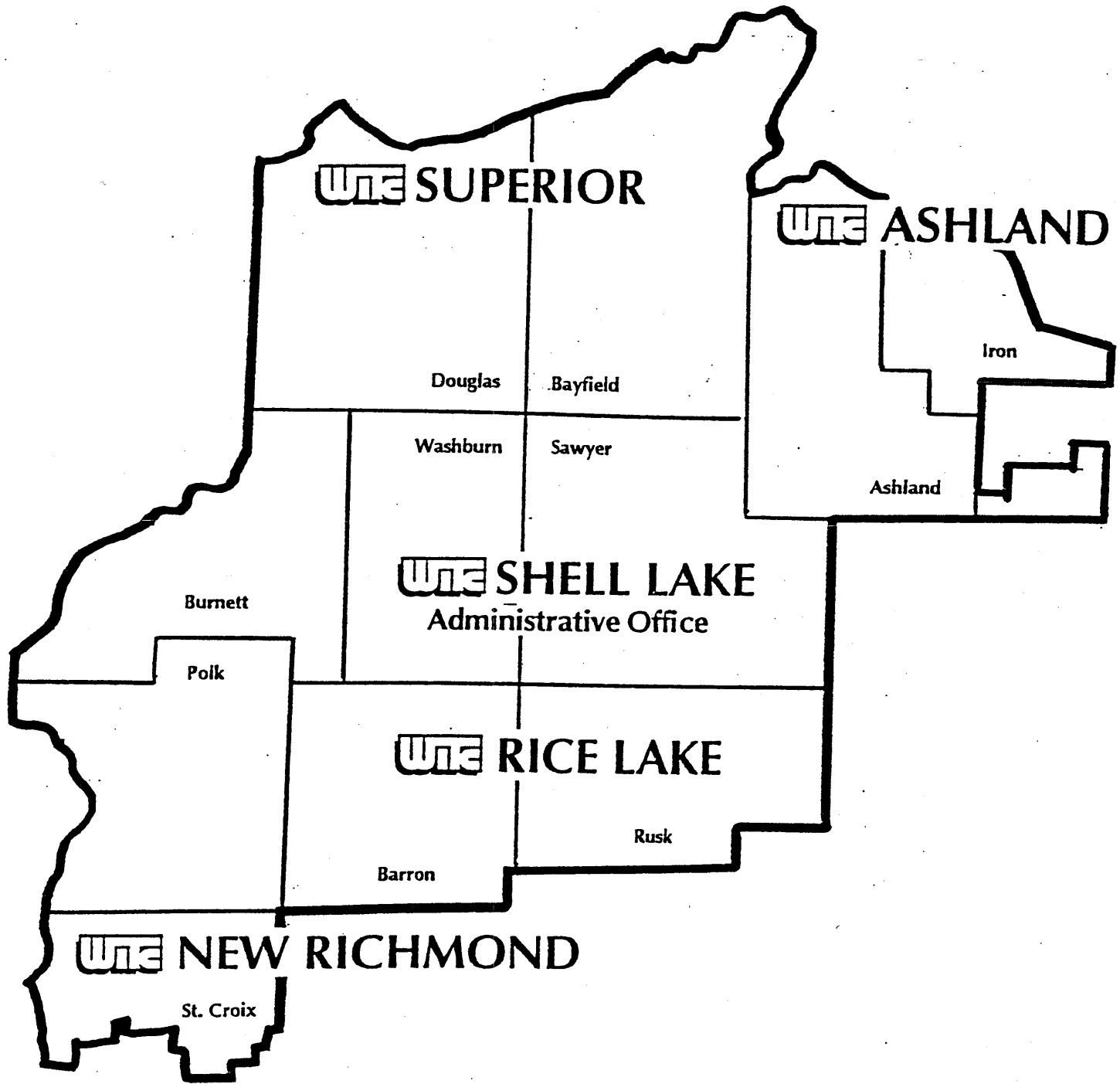
STATE SUPPORT TO THE COLLEGE

The attached table clearly indicates that state support to WITC has eroded. In the last eight years, state aids to WITC have gone up only \$291,000. To make up for the loss in state aids the college has increased its tax levy by \$6,412,000.

During the eight year period WITC had to increase its property taxes by \$22 to secure an additional \$1.00 in state aid. These additional taxes come from citizens whose per capita income is significantly below the state average.

As a WITC Board member, I ask that the state stop eroding its support for our college. The state should view its support for the college as an investment with an excellent rate of return. Over 75% of the graduates that we train work and live and pay taxes in Wisconsin.

I ask that you increase state aid by 4.4% in the first year of the biennium budget and 4.8% in the second year.



**WISCONSIN INDIANHEAD  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
DISTRICT**

**WISCONSIN INDIANHEAD TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

**EQUALIZED VALUATION, PROPERTY TAX, MILL RATES & STATE AIDS**

FISCAL YEAR	PROPERTY TAX	PERCENT GROWTH	EQUALIZED VALUATION	PERCENT GROWTH	TOTAL MILL RATE	STATE AIDS	GROWTH IN STATE AIDS
1989-90 (BASE)	10,998,046	7.5%	6,539,461,208	4.09%	1.68179	3,922,536	10.3%
1990-91	11,473,447	4.32%	6,768,836,334	3.51%	1.69504	4,066,297	3.67%
1991-92	12,243,160	6.71%	7,127,509,199	5.30%	1.71773	3,835,561	-5.6%
1992-93	13,018,089	6.3%	7,444,394,882	4.45%	1.74870	3,839,400	.0%
1993-94	13,723,404	5.42%	7,867,165,429	5.68%	1.74439	3,847,700	-1.1%
1994-95	14,585,216	6.28%	8,422,667,772	7.06%	1.73166	3,992,800	3.8%
1995-96	15,402,855	5.61%	9,145,839,849	8.59%	1.68414	4,267,800	6.9%
1996-97	16,452,496	6.81%	10,118,619,040	10.64%	1.62596	4,373,400	2.5%
1997-98	17,410,001	5.82%	11,302,078,991	11.70%	1.54043	4,213,500	-3.7%
Dollar increase	6,411,955		54,092,534			290,964	
Percent increase	58.3%		57.8%			9%	

During the eight year period, WITC has had to expend \$22 in taxes to secure \$1 in state aid.

1 **SGA position on the 1999-2001 Biennial budget**

2 **Whereas:** The UW-System is the engine that drives the state's economy; and

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4 **Whereas:** state support for the UW-System has dwindled in the last 10 years;  
5 and

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7 **Whereas:** decreasing state support for the UW-System has resulted in high and  
8 increasing costs of tuition; and

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10 **Whereas:** the Governor's proposed budget includes a clause which gives the  
11 Board of Regents full power over setting and spending tuition dollars; and

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13 **Whereas:** the Board of Regents is the governing body of the UW-System; and

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15 **Whereas:** the Board of Regents is undemocratically appointed by the Governor;  
16 and

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18 **Whereas:** the Student Government Association of the UW-Stevens Point passed  
19 a resolution stating the Board of Regents is "fundamentally unaccountable to the  
20 students and workers of the UW-System, and to the general population of  
21 Wisconsin"; and

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23 **Whereas:** the Plan 2008 received 10% of requested funds in the Governor's  
24 proposed budget; and

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26 **Whereas:** funds are needed for the Plan 2008 initiative to provide scholarships,  
27 pre-college programs and other programs to make the UW-System campus more  
28 diverse in the student and faculty populations; and

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30 **Whereas:** the academic and career advising initiative received only \$2.5 million  
31 of the UW-System's budget request in the Governor's proposal, \$2 million of  
32 which comes from tuition dollars; and

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34 **Whereas:** better advising would lead to sooner credits-toward-graduation and  
35 shorten the time-to-graduation for students in the UW-System; and

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37 **Whereas:** better advising would also enable transfer students to better plan their  
38 credits; and

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40 **Whereas:** the UW-System library request received \$7.3 million out of \$12 million;  
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43 **Whereas:** this is the first increase in library funding in the past ten years; and  
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45 **Whereas:** the faculty pay-raise last biennium was totally funded by tuition dollars;  
46 and

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48 **Whereas:** it is necessary to maintain the quality of faculty in the UW-System; and  
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50 **Whereas:** students cannot continue to pay the wages of state employees.  
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52 **Therefore Be it Resolved:** that the Student Government Association of UWSP  
53 strongly urges the Joint Finance Committee to remove tuition flexibility from the  
54 Governor's proposed budget; and  
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56 **Be it Further Resolved:** that we also strongly urge the Joint Finance Committee  
57 to fully fund the Plan 2008 UW-System initiative at \$6.9 million; and  
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59 **Be it Further Resolved:** that we strongly urge the Joint Finance Committee to  
60 fully fund the UW-System budget request for academic and career advising at \$5  
61 million; and  
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63 **Be it Further Resolved:** that we strongly urge the Joint Finance Committee to  
64 maintain the level of funding as stated in the Governor's proposed budget for the  
65 UW-System Libraries; and  
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67 **Be it Finally Resolved:** we strongly urge the Joint Finance Committee to fund  
68 the faculty pay-raise through new GPR dollars and not through tuition increases.  
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70 **Authors:**  
71 The Legislative Issues Committee  
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To: Joint Finance Committee  
From: Richard Gibson  
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RE: Higher Education Funding

I want to address the issue of higher education funding in the upcoming state budget. Over the past decade, the legislature has decreased the percentage of the UW's budget that it has directly paid for. At the same time, tuition hikes have consistently been close to double the rate of inflation. This shift in priority has placed an increasingly difficult burden on students and their parents. I feel that the state's decreasing interest in funding the UW System is short-sighted.

One of the primary reasons that Wisconsin has been a prosperous and industrious state is because of the relatively high educational attainment of its citizens. College graduates and those with some college education have been able to lead Wisconsin with innovation and a high level of productivity. Beyond this, an educated society is a civil society. As the state shows less concern for maintaining the edge that Wisconsin has over many states in educational attainment, the advantaged position that its citizens have over others has been slowly eroding. High and increasing tuition in a good economy makes the choice of forgoing current earnings for future benefits more difficult. This is especially true for middle and lower-middle class students who do not have access to financial aid to cover their educational expenses. These students and poorer students are exactly the students that the public universities of the state of Wisconsin need to serve. Remember that education is the great equalizer in our society.

In recent years, other state schools such as Virginia and Oregon have begun to actually lower tuition for in-state residents. The legislators in these states have realized that opening access to more students is not only good for those students, but also for the longer-term economic and social health of their states. I hope that you as leaders of Wisconsin would follow the lead of these forward-thinking legislatures and consider using some of the budget surplus for an increased commitment to higher education as opposed to just the short-term gratification of temporary lower taxes. Please remember our state motto - forward.

Hello, my name is Tina Riley and I am from the Racine Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse. I feel it would be a negative blow to the community if you fail to realize the importance that Prevention has in our community. As some of you may know, our School Board Referendum didn't pass, therefore there is going to be several dollars needed in order to provide quality education for our young people. Knowing that there will be a lack of dollars. It is essential that we provide quality services to the people who most need them. And in many cases these people are those least vocal/politically active & quite honestly those who live in the minority community. So I am asking you to rethink the cuts.