

Submitted Testimony
Senate Education Committee
March 15, 2000
Assembly Bill 736

*Registering in favor
Marshall Goodman, Dean of the College of Letters and Science
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*

Chairman Grobschmidt and distinguished Committee members of the Committee, I am pleased to submit the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's perspective on Assembly bill 736. I am the Dean of the College of Letters and Science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. I also hold the title of Special Assistant to the Governor for Globalization. I regret not being able to be with you today, but am pleased to provide this testimony in my role as a Dean who has been charged with the implementation of study abroad grants.

This proposal would be very helpful to all universities within the UW System, because it would give us the flexibility to award a broader range of grants that this Legislature provided within last year's budget bill. Under current law, the grants are \$2000. AB 736 would allow universities to issue grants "up to" \$2000. As someone who was a co-chair of the WITCO Task Force on Globalization, this is what we had intended. We are therefore asking for a technical correction today.

Below is my rationale for the change:

- All universities within the system have an array of study abroad and exchange programs available to their students.
- Some are for a full academic year, some for a semester, some are brief programs that cover a matter of weeks or even days. Some carry 30 semester credit hours, some carry 15 and some carry three. Accordingly, the costs have a significant variance as well. Additionally, some programs also have outside scholarship support available for eligible, participating students.

The following are some examples of programs operated by my college at UWM:

- For this Spring semester, the following programs included students who, based on financial need and the additional requirements of the grants, were awarded \$2000 each. In each case, the total cost is inclusive of all expenses, including travel and personal expenses that each student can generally anticipate during their study.

<i>Study Abroad Program</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Program Cost</i>
Herstmonceaux/Queens--England	Semester	9,975	7,325
Colmcille--Ireland	Semester	9,900	6,825
Sarbonne--Paris	Semester	12,000	7,000
London Center--England	Semester	11,180	6,900

<i>Exchange Program</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Program Cost</i>
Liebig University--Giessen	Semester	8,325	2,800
University of Kent--Canterbury	Semester	17,500	5,100

<i>Interim or Winterim Programs</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Program Cost</i>
Taiwan Study Tour	2 weeks	2,500	2,300
Cuba Study Tour	10 days	2,460	2,260

As you can see from these numbers, a \$2000 state sponsored grant covers 80% of the cost for the Taiwan Study Tour, while the same grant covers only 11% of the expenses for a student who participates in the University of Kent exchange program.

(Note: Study abroad programs do not include travel in the program cost, but do include room and board and some excursion fees. Exchange programs do not include room and board or travel in the program cost. Winter Break study tours include travel, housing, and meals, but not additional personal expenses, which are at the discretion of the student, but generally can be covered by an additional few hundred dollars.)

I hope you will agree that these figures aptly demonstrate the need for further equity and discretion in the distribution of the grant funds. Further, they demonstrate--as you might expect--the longer the program and the greater the number of credits, the higher the cost. Lest you conclude that the shorter "interim programs" are not appropriate, please be assured the short term programs are extremely valuable experiences, particularly to students who cannot give up jobs and family responsibilities to participate in semester or year long programs. It also gives students their first real taste of a study abroad experience and helps them work through any apprehensions.

Therefore, it is critical that a variety of study abroad and exchange programs be available to UW System students, regardless of duration. That said, however, the state-sponsored grants could support even more students in these shorter programs, if we were granted discretion in establishing the grants at amounts "up to" \$2,000. (For example, one distribution method might be to prorate the grant based on credit hours earned. A student spending the entire semester abroad and earning 15 or more credit hours might receive the full \$2000 award. A student in an interim program earning 3 credit hours could receive one-fifth of the award or \$400.00.)

It is for these reasons that I urge you to vote in favor of Assembly Bill 736. Thank you for your consideration.

Vote Record

Senate Committee on Education

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Sen. Kevin Shibilski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. Judy Robson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Jon Erpenbach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion by Senator Grobschmidt, that the Senate Committee on Education recommends concurrence of Assembly Bill 736:

AYE X NO _____

Signature: Margaret A. Farrow

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Signature:

Mary A. Lazich

Date:

3-17-00

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