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Committee on  
Colleges and  
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(AC-CU)

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## Hub, Brad

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**From:** Margaret Lewis [mlewis@uwsa.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 25, 2003 4:33 PM  
**To:** Brad.Hub@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** Oct. 7 hearing



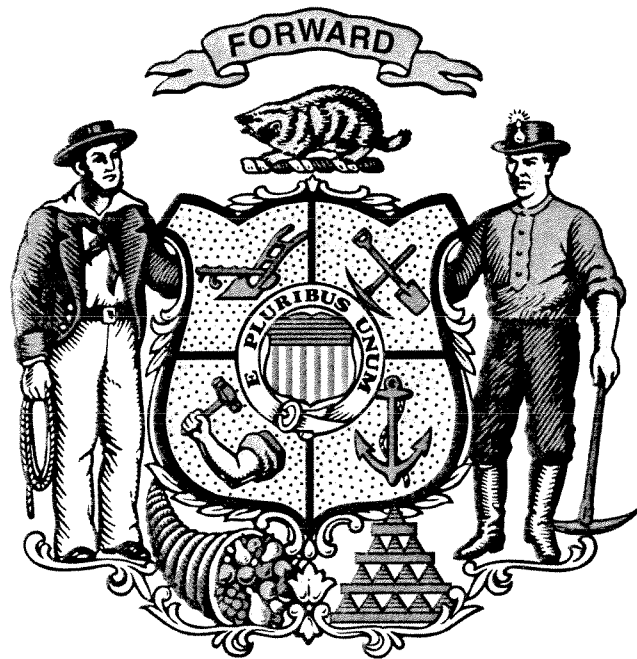
Card for Margaret  
Lewis

David Walsh, the Regent Vice-President, is planning to be available at the hearing Oct. 7 to address executive salary issues as Toby Marcovich's wife is having surgery in Minneapolis that day as I indicated earlier. You should expect to receive a written note responding to Rob's invitation in that regard. Regent Walsh has asked what the format will be (i.e. should he be prepared to give brief testimony and then answer questions, are there a list of questions Rep. Kriebich would like him to address in testimony and then be prepared to answer spontaneous questions?other?) Thanks for your help.

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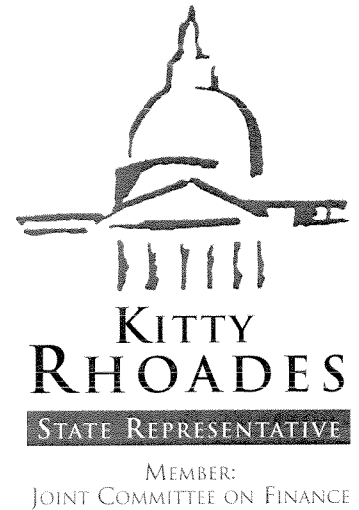
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September 29, 2003

Representative Robin Kreibich  
Chair, Committee on Colleges and Universities  
Room 107 West  
State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53708  
Hand Delivered



Dear Representative Kreibich:

I am writing to respectfully request that the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities hold a public hearing and an executive session on LRB 3271 relating to the requirement of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin system to vote by roll call, once the Bill has been introduced. The co-sponsorship for LRB 3271 will end October 3 and because of the timeliness of the issue, I would like to get this to the floor as soon as possible.

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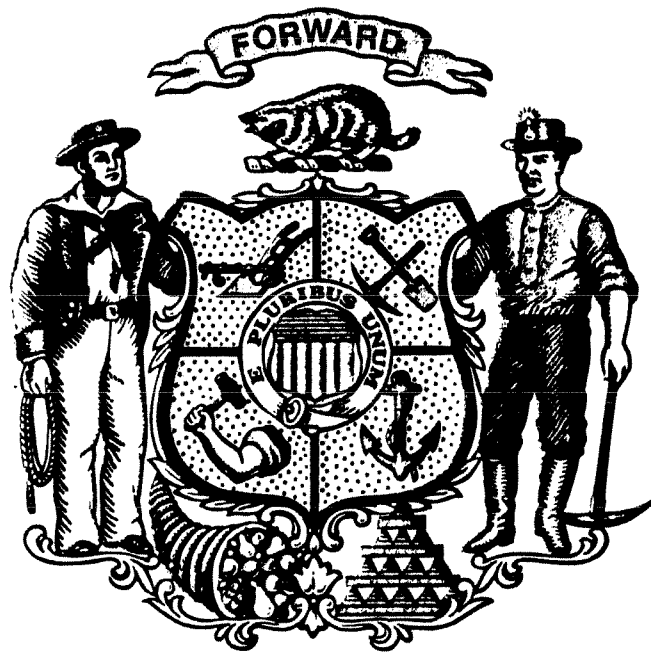
With the dramatic cuts the Governor imposed on the University and the recent increase in tuition, the decision by the Board of Regents to raise the pay scales for the President, Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors has sparked concern over the accountability of the Board. The question also is raised of how much control the University system should have in managing their activity and how much oversight elected officials should have in ensuring that Wisconsin's state institutions are open and accessible to Wisconsin residents and taxpayers.

LRB 3271 is intended to ensure that individuals who are voting on the future of the University of Wisconsin System are held accountable to the Members of the Legislature, the students from the UW system, and the taxpayers of Wisconsin. The legislation will ensure that the Board of Regents makes good decisions without taking away their ability to make decisions that will keep Wisconsin a top university.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions on this legislation, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kitty Rhoades  
State Representative  
30<sup>th</sup> Assembly District



October 9, 2003

Representative Robin Kreibich  
Chair, Committee on Colleges and Universities  
Room 107 West  
State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53708  
Hand Delivered

Dear Representative Kreibich:

I am writing to thank you for Chairing a successful public hearing of the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities and to request an Executive session on Assembly Bill 558 pertaining to requirement of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin system to vote by roll call. I was pleased with the discussion that took place on AB 558 and to hear the support in favor of holding the Board of Regents accountable for their decisions.

As we heard in the committee meeting, the decision by the Board of Regents to raise the pay scales for the President, Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors while raising tuition by 18% has sparked concern over the accountability of the Board. Because the actions of the Board of Regents have an impact on the students and on the families of the students, they need to be held accountable for their votes. We have not been elected to micro-manage the UW system, but we should ensure that Wisconsin's state institutions are open and accessible to Wisconsin residents and taxpayers. AB 558 will provide that accountability that the Board of Regents needs to have. As a previous member of the Committee on Colleges and Universities, I remember well a similar discussion on salary adjustment two years ago. The issue of salary adjustments will continue to arise.

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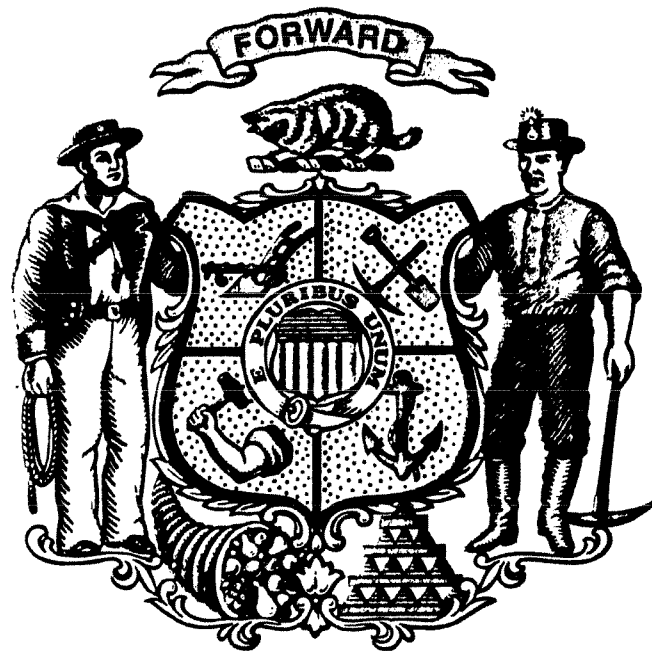
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**From:** Warner, Mara  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2003 3:23 PM  
**To:** Hub, Brad  
**Subject:** AB 558

Brad,

I just wanted to follow up and ask if you are planning on having an executive session on AB 558, the Board of Regents Roll Call bill.

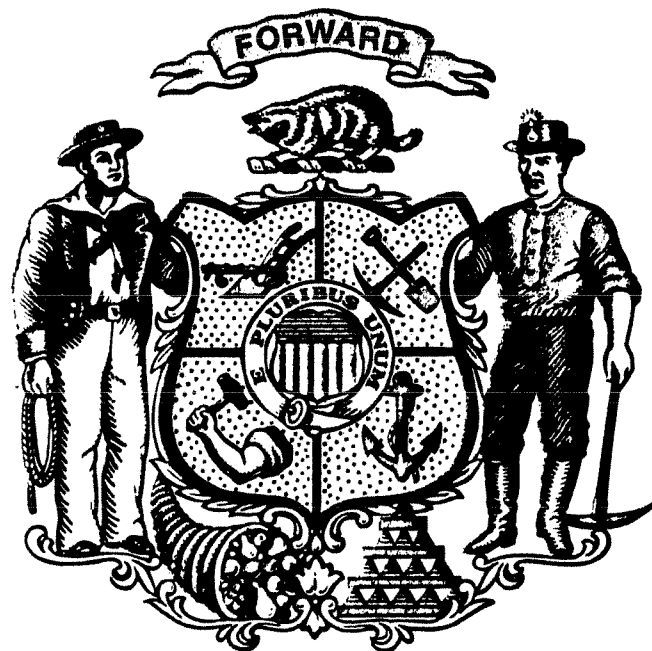
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Thank for your help. Should have any questions on this legislation, please feel free to contact Kitty's office.

Sincerely,  
Mara Warner

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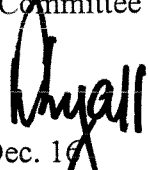


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AB 558

December 11, 2003

TO: Colleges and Universities Committee members  
FROM: President Katharine Lyall   
RE: Executive Session Bills, Dec. 16

I am writing to provide an update on some recent Board of Regent action and share the University of Wisconsin System position related to four bills on your executive session calendar December 16<sup>th</sup>.

AB 366. Credit transfer. As you can see from attachment 1, AB 366, would be unnecessary if amended by Assembly Amendment 1, because it mirrors the resolutions already passed by both the UW System and Wisconsin Technical College System Boards in the last two months. The bill as amended would require that each technical college student enrolled in the UW System be given a list of the technical college credits that are accepted for transfer to the UW System, how they will apply to the student's degree program, and the remaining courses necessary to complete the degree program. For a student transferring from one of the three technical college liberal arts programs, 72 credits will transfer to the UW System and all general education requirements at any UW System institution will be fulfilled. And finally, the UW System would accept for transfer occupational or technical courses taken by a technical college student on a course-by-course basis. The implementation of these initiatives is on track for students entering the UW System the Fall of 2004. We would welcome the opportunity to update the College and Universities committee at any time regarding the progress of implementation of credit transfer initiatives. A non-statutory approach is preferred as it allows both systems flexibility to implement further improvements advantageous to students.

AB 407. Support. Regulates athletic agents. The UW System supports and appreciates Rep. Wiekert's efforts to put teeth into our laws to protect student athletes from unscrupulous agents.

AB 543. Oppose. Expanded notice of public meetings of university departments and subunits. University departments must by law already post notice of meetings that "reasonably apprise interested parties and the news media" of the meeting. University departments and subunits should be treated just as K-12 or Technical College departmental meetings. These meetings relate to curriculum, space and time assignments, student advising, etc. These departmental meetings do not involve decisions to raise tuition or appropriate taxpayer funds. These decisions are made by

Regents already covered by the open meetings laws, just like any local government. Anyone who does have an interest and would like to receive routine notice of departmental meetings can make this request in writing to a departmental chair and receive all notices under current law. The university is interested in providing appropriate notice to all interested parties, while not wasting time or resources, creating inefficiencies or inundating folks with notices of primarily internal and routine operations meetings. There are 540 UW System departments and over 2,500 sub-units that would be covered by additional reporting requirements.

AB 558. Oppose as overly broad. Roll call votes required by Regents on all issues. The Board of Regents passed a resolution (see attachment 2) in October requiring a roll call vote on all compensation matters. As is the case with the legislature, there are many routine and procedural votes where unanimous consent or a voice vote contributes to a more efficient process. As in the case of the legislature, any member can request a roll call vote at any time.

AB 540. Oppose. Additional reporting of faculty income sources. I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you the current university practices related to the reporting of outside income by faculty and academic staff. Attachment 3 is the administrative code, and the implementing form, that is required to be filed by all faculty and staff at least once a year. This is all public record. Faculty and staff must report any income received for professional activities, the name of the organization or business, the type of activity, and whether they received \$5,000 or more from a single source. This reporting avoids conflict of interest situations and assures a Dean, the public, or other administrating officer that the activity is not interfering with university responsibilities. Please don't take action that would jeopardize public private partnerships and put Wisconsin at a competitive disadvantage with other states or private universities, or threaten the legitimate competitive interests of businesses with whom we encourage partnerships for the benefit of state economic development.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns and please contact me or Margaret Lewis (3-7962) with further questions.

Cc: Board of Regents  
Legislative leadership

ATTACHMENT 2

Re: AB 558  
roll call votes

Amendment of  
Regent Policy 94-4

ALL REGENTS

Resolution:

That, upon recommendation of the President of the Board of Regents, Regent Policy 94-4, pertaining to salary guidelines for UW System senior executives be amended as attached to reflect current law regarding the Board of Regents authority to determine executive salary ranges and set executive salaries, and to specify that salary ranges for an ensuing fiscal year will be adopted by resolution by a majority of the full membership of the Board of Regents in open session by roll call vote ~~each June at the~~ regularly scheduled meeting.  
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10/10/03 as amended

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