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AN ACT to amend 39.024 (1), (2) (a) and (3) (a), (b), (c), (g) and (i) of the statutes, relating to the inclusion of the county teachers colleges within the purview of the co-ordinating committee for higher education.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

39.024 (1), (2) (a) and (3) (a), (b), (c), (g) and (i) of the statutes are amended to read:

39.024 (1) The purpose of this section is to provide for the coordination of the activities of the university of Wisconsin and the state colleges and * * * *county teachers colleges* by providing a permanent joint committee to make a continuing study of the state-supported institutions of higher education under their jurisdiction, the relation thereto of the needs of the people of Wisconsin, to recommend necessary changes in programs and facilities, to provide for a single, consolidated, biennial budget request for * * * *the university of Wisconsin and the state colleges*, and to report the results of its studies and recommendations to the governor and the legislature.

(2) (a) To carry out the purposes of this section, there is created a co-ordinating committee of * * * 17 members, 4 from the regents of the university of Wisconsin, 4 from the board of regents of state colleges, 4 citizens, the president of the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin, the president of the board of regents of state colleges, the state superintendent of public instruction *and 2 members of a county teachers college board, other than a county superintendent of schools, appointed annually by the governor from recommendations made by the association of county teachers college boards.* The appointive regent members of the committee shall be selected by a majority vote of the board of which they are members and shall be selected each year at the annual meeting of the board. * * * The citizen members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The governor shall first appoint one each for 2, 4, 6 and 8 years, * * * and thereafter for 8 years.

(3) (a) The committee shall determine what over-all educational programs shall be offered in the several units of the university * * *, the state colleges *and county teachers colleges* to avoid unnecessary duplication and to utilize to the best advantage the facilities and personnel available for instruction in fields of higher education. No educational program for which the legislature * * * *has* made an appropriation existing at any institution of higher education shall be abandoned except with legislative approval.

(b) The committee shall adopt a co-ordinated plan for the integration and most efficient use of existing facilities and personnel, and an order of priority for the construction of new facilities at * * * *the university of Wisconsin and the state colleges.*

(c) The committee shall review the separate budget requests of the university and the state colleges and shall recommend a single, consolidated, biennial budget request to the governor for the support of all institutions under its jurisdiction, retaining the identity of the appropriation sections contained in ch. 20 relating to said institutions. *It shall also review and make appropriate recommendations to the department concerning the biennial budget requests of the department of public instruction for state aids for county teachers colleges.*

(g) Semiannually the committee shall issue reports of its findings and recommendations, which reports shall be delivered to the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin, the board of regents of the state colleges, *the boards of the several county teachers colleges,* the governor, to both houses of the legislature when in session, and to the secretary of the legislative council when the legislature is not in session. The first such report of findings and recommendations shall be made 6 months from the date of first convening of the committee.

(i) The co-ordinating committee shall have final authority in determining the single, consolidated, biennial budget requests *of the university of Wisconsin and the state colleges* to be presented to the governor and shall have full responsibility for such presentation. The over-all educational programs offered in the state-supported institutions of higher learning shall be those determined by the co-ordinating committee and facilities and personnel shall be utilized in accordance with the co-ordinated plan adopted by the committee. The boards of regents in the discharge of their duties shall observe all decisions of the co-ordinating committee made pursuant to this section. Except as expressly provided in this section, nothing herein shall be construed to deprive the board of regents of the university and the board of regents of the state colleges *and boards of county teachers colleges* of any of the duties and powers conferred upon them by law in the government of the institutions under their control.

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