

## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Universities and Revenue**

##### **Assembly Bill 553**

Relating to: free speech and academic freedom at University of Wisconsin System institutions and technical colleges, due process in disciplinary proceedings at University of Wisconsin System institutions and technical colleges, Wisconsin grant funding allocation, and causes of action against the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and technical college district boards.

By Representatives Nedweski, Murphy, Allen, Behnke, Brandtjen, Dittrich, Edming, Goeben, Gundrum, Maxey, Moses, O'Connor, Penterman, Rettinger, Schraa and Tusler; cosponsored by Senators Cabral-Guevara and Tomczyk.

November 09, 2023 Referred to Committee on Universities and Revenue

December 05, 2023 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (7) Senator Hutton; Senators Nass, Ballweg,  
Cabral-Guevara, Larson, Roys and Smith.  
Absent: (0) None.  
Excused: (1) Senator James.

##### Appearances For

- State Representative Amanda Nedweski - 61st Assembly District
- Tim Higgins - Free Speech For Campus, Inc.

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- Jeff Buhrandt - Universities of Wisconsin

##### Registrations For

- State Senator Rachael Cabral-Guevara - 19th Senate District

##### Registrations Against

- President Morna Foy - Wisconsin Technical College System
- Layla Merrifield - Technical College District Boards Association
- Jack O'Meara - PROFS UW-Madison Faculty

- Kathi Kilgore - Academic Staff Professionals Representation Organization

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 11, 2024

**Failed to concur in pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1**

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Patrick Kanarowski  
Committee Clerk