



STATE OF WISCONSIN
JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TO: MEMBERS OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

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This is to notify you that the mail ballot submitted to your committee has the following results:

- The Legislature should explore granting some level of bonding authority to the University of Wisconsin (UW) System passed on a vote of Ayes, 11 (Reps. Nedweski and Joers; Sen. Tomczyk; and Public Members Froelich, Hsu, Klingele, Lippert, Morgan, Mueller, Tyler, and Venable); Noes, 3 (Sen. Larson; and Public Members Beightol and Langdon); and Not Voting, 4 (Public Members Atwell, Bauer, Kies, and Seshadri).
- The Legislature should encourage the Board of Regents to raise tuition to address economic difficulties faced by the UW System failed on a vote of Ayes, 5 (Rep. Nedweski; and Public Members Lippert, Morgan, Tyler, and Venable); Noes, 9 (Rep. Joers; Sens. Tomczyk and Larson; and Public Members Beightol, Froelich, Hsu, Klingele, Langdon, and Mueller); and Not Voting, 4 (Public Members Atwell, Bauer, Kies, and Seshadri).
- The Legislature should encourage the Board of Regents to eliminate artificial price ceilings and allow more flexibility at the institutional level to set differential tuition by program based on factors such as cost and demand passed on a vote of Ayes, 10 (Rep. Nedweski; Sen. Tomczyk; and Public Members Beightol, Froelich, Hsu, Langdon, Lippert, Morgan, Tyler, and Venable); Noes, 3 (Rep. Joers; Sen. Larson; and Public Member Mueller); and Not Voting, 5 (Public Members Atwell, Bauer, Kies, Klingele, and Seshadri).
- The Legislature should explore requiring the Department of Public Instruction to survey high school students about their post-secondary plans and reasons for not choosing higher education, if any, failed on a vote of Ayes, 9 (Rep. Nedweski; Sen. Tomczyk; and Public Members Beightol, Froelich, Hsu, Klingele, Langdon, Mueller, and Venable); Noes, 4 (Rep. Joers; Sen. Larson; and Public Members Lippert and Tyler); and Not Voting, 5 (Public Members Atwell, Bauer, Kies, Morgan, and Seshadri).
- The Legislature should explore legislation to create an Office of Student Loan Ombudsman and Borrower's Bill of Rights, using LRB-0463/1 as an example failed on a vote of Ayes, 6 (Reps. Nedweski and Joers; Sen. Larson; and Public Members Froelich, Hsu, and Morgan); Noes, 7 (Sen. Tomczyk; and Public Members Beightol, Langdon, Lippert, Mueller, Tyler, and Venable); and Not Voting, 5 (Public Members Atwell, Bauer, Kies, Klingele, and Seshadri).
- The Legislature should explore streamlining transferability between UW System campuses and between the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) and UW System, with a focus on student navigability passed on a vote of Ayes, 10 (Rep. Nedweski; Sen. Tomczyk; and Public Members Beightol, Froelich, Hsu, Klingele, Langdon, Lippert, Mueller, and Venable); Noes, 4 (Rep. Joers; Sen. Larson; and Public Members Morgan and Tyler); and Not Voting, 4 (Public Members Atwell, Bauer, Kies, and Seshadri).

You will be notified when the Joint Legislative Council schedules a meeting to receive the report of your committee.

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