



Wisconsin Tuition Reciprocity, Change in Wisconsin Negotiating Partner

Finance and Facilities Committee

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- » Office of Higher Education (OHE) administers reciprocity agreements for Minnesota
- » OHE is requesting approval of changes in the agreement with Wisconsin
- » Statute requires the board to approve changes for them to apply to Minnesota State colleges and universities
- » Changes the administrating agency for Wisconsin for most institutions
from: State of Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board
to: Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System
- » Other technical changes; no financial or otherwise substantive changes

Wisconsin Tuition Reciprocity, Agreement Language

II. Administrative Agencies

The following state agencies shall be responsible for the administering of this Agreement in their respective states:

State of Minnesota Office of Higher Education

State of Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board, for vocational technical education

Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, for public institutions of higher education other than vocational technical education

Wisconsin Tuition Reciprocity, Practices Not Changing

- » The Reciprocity Agreement provides a common market for postsecondary education, essentially removing most non-residency restrictions and price differences
- » Three universities account for most Wisconsin residents in Minnesota; fiscal year 2023 numbers (headcount):

Winona SU:	2,521 undergraduates,	199 graduate students
MSU, Mankato:	1,306 undergraduates,	72 graduate students
St. Cloud SU:	342 undergraduates,	55 graduate students

(Source: Office of Higher Education)

Wisconsin Tuition Reciprocity, Recommended Action

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approves the Minnesota-Wisconsin Public Higher Education Reciprocity Agreement, as amended August 20, 2024, to provide that the University of Wisconsin System rather than Wisconsin Higher Education Aids Board will administer the agreement on behalf of most University of Wisconsin schools.



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