

Higher Education in Wisconsin

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Presented here are a number of sources on the history, organizational structure, and financing of higher education in Wisconsin. Colleges and universities in Wisconsin and throughout the nation are being challenged to meet the educational demands of a growing and diverse college-age population, to adapt their curriculum for graduates to successfully compete in a global economy, and to accomplish these goals with diminishing state financial support. Wisconsin's educational system over time has changed to meet the educational needs of its citizenry. These sources are intended to provide perspective on the transformation of Wisconsin's higher education system.

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Brief History of Legislative Proposals Relating to the Organization of the Institutions of Higher Education in Wisconsin / Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance. 1964. (377.11/W75)

Decision-Making in the Wisconsin Legislature: A Case Study of the Merger of the University of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin State University Systems / Joseph Peter Heim, UW-Milwaukee Ph.D Thesis. 1976. (377.11/H36)

Declines in Spending on Public Higher Education in Wisconsin: An Analysis of the University of Wisconsin System Budget / Kate Clark, UW-Madison. 2007. (WISCAPE Policy Brief) (377.2/W7d3) www.wiscapewisc.edu/publications/details.asp?id=310

"The Enactment of Reforms in State Governance of Higher Education: Testing the Political Instability Hypothesis" / Michael K. McLendon, Russ Deaton, and James C. Hearn, *Journal of Higher Education*, November/December 2007, v. 78, no. 6. (377.1/M19) Analyzes how states reform higher education and effects on educational outcomes.

Expanding Access to Baccalaureate Education in Wisconsin / Report of the Joint UW System/Wisconsin Technical College System Committee on Baccalaureate Expansion. 2005. (377.16/W7L) Commonly known as the COBE report on college transfer opportunities from the WTCS to the UW System. www.uwsa.edu/acss/cobe/final_report.pdf

An Exploratory Study into the Merger of the University of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin State Universities / William J. Baer, Lawrence University Thesis. 1972. (377.11/B14)

Fact Book / University of Wisconsin System. (377.1/W7j1/2007-2008) Annual almanac of the UW System. www.uwsa.edu/president/communications/publicat/archive

Fact Book / Wisconsin Technical College System. 2007. Annual almanac of the WTCS. www.wtcsystem.org/reports/data/factbook

Final Report / Governor's Task Force on UW System Management Flexibility. 1986. (Gov/UW/f) (library use only)

- ***[Minutes and Miscellaneous Materials] / Governor's Task Force on UW System Management Flexibility. 1986. (Gov/UW/m) (library use only)***

"The History and Development of the Two-Year Colleges in Wisconsin: The University of Wisconsin Colleges and the Wisconsin Technical College System" / Lana G. Snider, *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*, January/February 1999, v. 23, no. 1. (377.6/Sn3)

Improving Opportunities for Transfer from the Wisconsin Technical College System to the University of Wisconsin System / Report of the UW/WTCS Transfer Study Committee. 2000. (377.121/W7n)

Legislative History of the University of Wisconsin General Extension Program / Wisconsin Legislative Reference Library. 1961. (Informational bulletin no. 203) (LRL/i/no.203) (library use only) Laws, appropriations, and AG opinions from 1907-1951.

Measuring Up: The State-by-State Report Card for Higher Education / National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. 2006. (377/N21) Compiled biennially. <http://measuringup.highereducation.org>

The Merger of the University of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin State University Systems: A Case Study in the Politics of Education / Joseph C. Rost, UW-Madison Ph.D Thesis. 1973. (377.11/R73)

"Models of Postsecondary Education Coordination and Governance in the States" / Aims C. McGuinness, *ECS StatesNotes*, February 2003. (377.1/Ed8c) Uses diagrams to model governance structures for all types of postsecondary education. www.ecs.org/clearinghouse/34/23/3423.pdf

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National Conference of State Legislatures Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education publications (www.ncsl.org/programs/educ/BRCExecutiveSummary.htm):

- *The Changing World of Higher Education: Is Your State Prepared?* 2007. (Policy Brief) (377/N211c)
- *Developing a Public Agenda for Higher Education.* 2007. (Policy Brief) (377/N211c)
- *Improving Higher Education Performance and Productivity.* 2007. (Policy Brief) (377/N211c)
- *Transforming Higher Education: National Imperative, State Responsibility [final report].* 2006. (377/N211b)

A Proposed Organization for the Administration of Public Higher Education in Wisconsin / Phoebe C. Main, University of Denver M.A. Thesis. 1946. (377.11/M28)

Renewing the University of Wisconsin System: Creating the Capacity to Manage and Compete / Wisconsin Policy Research Institute. 2007. (Wisconsin Policy Research Institute Report, July 2007, v. 20, no. 7) (377.5/W752b)

State Legislative Relations of the University of Wisconsin System / M.C. Maguire Mangold, UW-Madison Ph.D Thesis. 1983. (377.5/M31)

Summary and Analysis of 1973 Engrossed Assembly Bill 930 Relating to Merger of University of Wisconsin and the State University Systems / Wisconsin Legislative Council. 1974. (Informational bulletin 73-6) (377.11/W7a)

The True Genius of America at Risk: Are We Losing Our Public Universities to De Facto Privatization? / Katharine C. Lyall and Kathleen R. Sell. 2006. (377.2/L98) Coauthored by former UW System President Lyall.

The 21st Century Agenda for State Planning and Policy in Higher Education / Paul Lingenfelter, State Higher Education Executive Officers. 2007. Summarizes the reform trends in higher education over the past 40 years and outlines the recommended strategies for future improvements to meet society's educational needs.

www.sheeo.org/about/paulpres/The%2021st%20Century%20Agenda%20for%20State%20Planning%20and%20Policy.pdf

The University of Wisconsin Colleges, 1919-1997: The Wisconsin Idea at Work / Jerry L. Bower. 2002. (377.5/B67) A history of the two-year university campuses in Wisconsin beginning as the UW Extension Centers, then the UW Centers System, and now the UW Colleges.

University of Wisconsin System Overview / Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau. 2007. (Informational paper no. 36) (377.1/W7k/2007) www.legis.wi.gov/lfb/Informationalpapers/36.pdf

Wisconsin Technical College System / Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau. 2007. (Informational paper no. 35) (374.607/W7d/2007) www.legis.wi.gov/lfb/Informationalpapers/35.pdf

Related Web Sites

American Association of Community Colleges:
www.aacc.nche.edu

American Association of State Colleges and Universities:
www.aascu.org

Commission on the Future of Higher Education (Spellings Commission):

www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/hiedfuture/reports.html

Education Commission of the States

- **Center for Community College Policy:**

www.communitycollegepolicy.org

- **Postsecondary Governance Structures Database:**

www.ecs.org/clearinghouse/31/02/3102.htm Allows user to create custom comparisons with selected states.

- **Postsecondary Issues:**

www.ecs.org/ecsmain.asp?page=/html/issuesPS.asp

Grapevine: www.grapevine.ilstu.edu Annual compilation of data on state tax support for higher education.

National Center for Education Statistics A collection of nationwide statistics on all aspects of postsecondary and vocational education.

- **Career/Technical Education Statistics:**

<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/ctes/tables>

- **Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS):**

<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds>

National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education:

www.highereducation.org See especially the reports under "Governance & State Policy Leadership."

State Higher Education Executive Officers: www.sheeo.org

UW System Board of Regents: www.uwsa.edu/bor

Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary Education: www.wiscape.wisc.edu

Wisconsin Technical College System Board:

www.wtcsystem.org/board

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- Colleges/universities – Administration – Centralized Boards: 377.11/W7z (WI); 377.11/Z (U.S.)

- Colleges/universities – Finance: 377.2/W7z (WI); 377.2/Z (U.S.)