

MINUTES OF MEETING
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD
MAY 10, 2016
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4622 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, MADISON, WISCONSIN 53705
McCARTHY BOARD ROOM

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Phil Baranowski, Tony Evers, Becky Lezvow, W. Kent Lorenz, Georgia Maxwell for Ray Allen, John Schwantes, Kelly Tourdot, S. Mark Tyler, Stephen Willett, Mary Williams.

Members Absent: Terrance McGowan, Susan Schaumburg.

System Office Staff Present: Dan Arneson, Kathleen Cullen, Monique Currie, Scott DuBenske, Morna Foy, Emily Gleason, Jim Mackey, Nancy Merrill, Carrie Morgan, Dan Scanlon, Conor Smyth, Jim Zylstra.

District/Others Present: Layla Merrifield, District Boards Association; Tom Eckert, Blackhawk Technical College; Bruce Barker, Mona Mathews, Chippewa Valley Technical College; Susan May, Fox Valley Technical College; Bryan Albrecht, Gateway Technical College; Mike Lanser, Lakeshore Technical College; Jack Daniels, Madison Area Technical College; Sue Budjac, Mid-State Technical College; Bonnie Baerwald, Moraine Park Technical College; Richard Nelson, Nicolet Area Technical College; Lori Weyers, Northcentral Technical College; Cale Pulczinski, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College; Jeff Leverenz, Waukesha County Technical College; Roger Stanford, Western Technical College; John Will, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College; Sharon Wendt, Department of Public Instruction, Kyle Schwarm, Erin Eagan, Statewide Marketing Consortium; Chris Morse, Wisconsin Student Government.

Board President Schwantes called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Emily Gleason read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

ITEM A: Approval of the March 22-23, 2016 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Board Member Baranowski, seconded by Board Member Tyler that the March 22-23, 2016, meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM B: Report of the Board President

Board President Schwantes recognized new Wisconsin Student Government President, Chris Morse. Mr. Morse is a student at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and is the student representative on the System's Budget Development Workgroup.

At today's session, the Board will act on the Emergency Assistance Grant Guidelines, review progress under the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant and receive an overview of the latest WTCS Graduate Outcomes Report.

ITEM C: Report of the System President

System President Foy shared a video montage of news headlines.

Board members Baranowski and Lezow joined President Foy for National Ag Day at Fox Valley Technical College on April 1. Board Member Lezow shared that attendees were impressed.

Board members Allen, Baranowski, Lezow and Tyler attended the WTCS Ambassador Banquet in April in Madison, with a student from each college named a *WTCS State Ambassador*.

President Foy addressed more than 2,000 middle school, high school and college participants at the *SkillsUSA* competition in April. WTCS Education Director for Manufacturing, Jim Mackey, was recognized for his contributions to Career and Technical Education.

The 4th annual *WisconsinBiz* highlights the role WTCS plays in economic development.

President Foy will attend several technical college graduation ceremonies in May, including those at Gateway, Northcentral and Milwaukee Area Technical Colleges, as well as the Forest County Potawatomi Community graduation, a partnership with Nicolet Area Technical College.

President Foy shared a news article focused on industry worker training partnerships with Fox Valley and Milwaukee Area Technical Colleges.

Several Wisconsin technical colleges and students were recognized at the international Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Convention in April. Lakeshore and Madison Area technical colleges were recognized as top chapters. Western and Fox Valley Technical College students were recognized as Distinguished Officers.

Wisconsin is one of two dozen states to receive a *New Skills for Youth* grant, funded by Chase Morgan, that supports a needs assessment of career pathways and aligns with the Department of Public Instruction's Academic and Career Planning (ACP) initiative.

Twelve Wisconsin students were named Presidential Scholars semifinalists, the nation's highest honor for graduating high school seniors, including four nominated for their accomplishments in Career and Technical Education.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College is one of 10 finalists in the 2nd annual Community College Innovation Challenge, which is sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF) in partnership with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). The Challenge focuses on STEM innovations and solutions to real-world problems.

ITEM D: Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association

Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association President Mona Mathews and Executive Director Layla Merrifield updated the board on the Association's spring meeting, which was held at Madison Area Technical College and featured an in-service on campus security. Keith Uhlig, a Wausau Daily Herald reporter, received the 2016 Media Award. The July meeting will be held at Northcentral Technical College.

Ms. Merrifield thanked the Board for including the Association in the System's Biennial Budget Development Workgroup.

ITEM E: WTCS Presidents' Association

Association President and President of Mid-State Technical College Sue Budjac shared that the colleges continue to collaborate and share best practices, including business and industry training for incumbent workers, dual enrollment models, General Education partnerships, Adult Basic Education models and enrollment management models.

President Budjac reported that this is her final report as Association President. The 2016-17 President will be John Will, President of Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College.

ITEM F: Consent Agenda

WTCS Senior Policy Advisor Nancy Merrill summarized the District Board appointment process. Board President Schwantes offered the consent agenda items for Board discussion. Receiving no questions, he called for a motion to approve the items.

It was moved by Board Member Levzow, seconded by Board Member Baranowski that the Board approve the program development, facilities requests and annual district board appointments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM G: Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Project Review

WTCS Facilities Director Dan Scanlon provided an overview of a project to remodel the Student Services facilities on Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's Green Bay Campus. The remodel will add new space for a Veterans and Multicultural Centers as well as study areas, workshops and multi-function rooms. Funding for the project will be by district borrowing authorized as approved in the college's successful \$66.5 million referendum in April 2015.

It was moved by Board Member Willett, seconded by Board Member Lorenz, that the Board approve the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College request to remodel existing facilities on the Green Bay Campus at a cost of \$1,636,146. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM H: Grant Guidelines – Emergency Assistance Grants

WTCS Executive Vice President Jim Zylstra reported that the Legislature recently passed, and the Governor signed into law, Act 282, which creates a \$320,000 emergency grant program for students enrolled in technical college. An eligible student may receive up to \$500 per academic year, with a limit of two grants per year. Funds will be distributed to the technical colleges and students are awarded within five business days of an approved application. The program is based on a successful model by Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation.

It was moved by Board Member Baranowski, seconded by Board Member Lezow, that the Board adopt the Emergency Assistance Grant guidelines for fiscal year 2016-17 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM I: Teaching and Learning – TAACCCT Grants Update

WTCS Associate Vice President Carrie Morgan moderated a panel that updated the Board on System efforts under the federal TAACCCT Grant program. Panelists included WTCS Education Directors Scott DuBenske, Sarah Kavanaugh and Jim Mackey. Over the past several years, Wisconsin's technical colleges received grants totaling more than \$60 million to advance the System's programming in key economic sectors, including:

- \$18.3 million in 2012 to focus on manufacturing programs;
- \$23.1 million in 2013 to focused in the area of information technology; and
- \$20 million in late 2014 to address emerging needs in the health care sector.

Board members engaged panelists in a discussion of the colleges' work under the grants.

ITEM J: Graduate Outcomes Report

WTCS Director of Strategic Advancement Conor Smyth presented the newly release and redesigned Graduate Outcomes Report and facilitated a Board discussion on the outcomes for 2015 graduates. Of those who responded and were in the labor force, 93 percent were employed within six months of graduation, and 78 percent reported employment in a field directly related to their technical college program.

Other key statistics include 81 percent of graduates stay and work in Wisconsin and graduates earn a median salary of \$36,000. Board President Schwantes stated that the Report is a great indicator of the technical colleges' strong performance.

ITEM K: Legislative Update

WTCS Executive Vice President Jim Zylstra and District Boards Association Executive Director Layla Merrifield updated the Board on legislative activity affecting the System. The System's Biennial Budget Development Workgroup held its first meeting May 9. Representative Dave Murphy, several legislative staff and staff from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau and the Department of Administration attended.

The Wisconsin Legislative Council is convening several study committees, including Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician Shortages and Reducing Recidivism and Removing Impediments to Ex-Offender Employment.

WTCS Policy Advisor Monique Currie provided an update on the federal America's Promise grants program.

ITEM L: Announcements/Adjourn

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is July 12-13, 2016, at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College in Rice Lake.

It was moved by Board Member Williams, seconded by Board Member Willett, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Gleason
Recording Secretary