

MINUTES OF MEETING
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD
JANUARY 23, 2018
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM
4622 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, MCCARTHY BOARD ROOM
Madison, Wisconsin 53705

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Members Present: Eve Hall (by phone), Tony Evers, Becky Lezvow, W. Kent Lorenz, Terry McGowan (by phone), Rodney Pasch, John Schwantes, Kelly Tourdot, S. Mark Tyler, Stephen Willett (by phone), Mary Williams (by phone).

Members Absent: Ray Allen, Hunter Kautz.

System Office Staff Present: Dan Arneson, Judy Barbian, Morna Foy, Colleen McCabe, Nancy Nakkoul, Dan Scanlon, Conor Smyth, Jim Zylstra.

District/Others Present: Layla Merrifield, Carla Hedtke, District Boards Association; Tracy Pierner, Blackhawk Technical College; Susan May, Fox Valley Technical College; Bryan Albrecht, Gateway Technical College; Paul Carlsen, Lakeshore Technical College; Jack Daniels, Madison Area Technical College; Shelly Mondeik, Mid-State Technical College; Bonnie Baerwald, Moraine Park Technical College; Kaylen Betzig, Waukesha County Technical College; Roger Stanford, Western Technical College; John Will, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College; Michael Gawel, Wisconsin Student Government.

Board President Tyler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Judy Barbian read the open meeting statement and the roll indicated that a quorum was present.

ITEM A: Approval of the November 7-8, 2017 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Board Member Lezvow, seconded by Board Member Pasch, that the November 7-8, 2017, meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM B: Report of the Board President

Board President Tyler welcomed new Board Member Dr. Eve Hall. Dr. Hall succeeds Lisa Erickson, who recently graduated, as the designee of the President of the UW Board of Regents. Dr. Hall is President and CEO of the Milwaukee Urban League.

Board President Tyler stated that the WTCS Tuition Work Group would start meeting soon and would present their tuition recommendations at the March Board meeting.

Board President Tyler reported on the Family Friendly Workplace certification program, which gives businesses the opportunity to earn the Family Friendly Workplace certification for

workplace practices that support families and provide financial support to early childhood education programs.

Board President Tyler presented former Board Member Phil Baranowski with a commendation recognizing Mr. Baranowski's service on the WTCS Board. Mr. Baranowski served on the WTCS and Moraine Park Technical College Boards and made numerous contributions to the System and the state over many years.

ITEM C: Report of the System President

System President Foy welcomed new Board Member Hall. President Foy also thanked Mr. Baranowski for his years of public service with the Wisconsin Technical College System.

President Foy reported on two System-level efforts. The System's C3 (Collaborative College Connections) Conference is scheduled for February 1-2, 2018 in Wisconsin Dells, and Sexual Harassment training will be conducted for System Office staff. President Foy highlighted that the biennial C3 Conference would focus on STEM and all facets of STEM pathways. A pre-conference will be held the day before C3 and will include sessions on Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) and the System's Faculty Quality Assurance System (FQAS).

In addition, the WTCS Student Showcase is scheduled for February 20, 2018 at the State Capitol and the 60 Forward Convening is scheduled for April 13 in New Richmond, Wisconsin. Stakeholders including educators, business leaders and policymakers will be invited to this event.

President Foy also provided a recap of her recent trip with Governor Walker, UW System President Ray Cross and DWD Secretary Ray Allen. The group visits three colleges around the state – including Northcentral Technical College, Milwaukee Area Technical College and UW-Green Bay – to promote the Governor's new initiative, Wisconsin Career Creator.

ITEM D: Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association

Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association Executive Director Layla Merrifield and Association President Carla Hedtke updated the board on recent activities.

The winter meeting will be held at Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire.

In February 2018, trustees, WTCS staff and college leaders will join the Association of Community College Trustees at the National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C.

ITEM E: WTCS Presidents' Association

Association President and President of Madison Area Technical College Dr. Jack Daniels updated the Board on the Association's recent activities. While Association committees have not met since November, a budget and legislative strategy session is being held in conjunction with the January Presidents meeting. The Association's 2018 committees continue to focus, among other priorities, on skills training for incarcerated individuals.

ITEM F: Consent Agenda

Board President Tyler offered the consent agenda for Board discussion and hearing no questions, called for a motion.

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

ITEM G: Fox Valley Technical College – Project Review

WTCS Facilities Director Dan Scanlon reported details on the project review for construction of additional facilities in Wautoma. The new facility is planned in response to an impending lease expiration and the need to expand course offerings in the Wautoma area.

It was moved by Board Member Williams, seconded by Board Member McGowan that the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approve the Fox Valley Technical College request to construct a Regional Center in Wautoma at a cost of \$3,274,052. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM H: Wisconsin's College Savings Plan

Jim DiUlio, Director, Jessica Fandrich, Officer, both of Wisconsin's 529 College Savings Program (CSP), and Catherine Burdick of TIAA provided an overview of the Edvest and Tomorrow's Scholar programs. Board members expressed interest in whether part-time students, such as those in a Registered Apprenticeship, could participate, and the potential for small business engagement.

ITEM I: Teaching and Learning – Program Approval

Dr. Colleen McCabe, Provost and Vice President, presented an overview of the program development process, which included:

- Program concept review and approval;
- Program discontinuance; and
- other credentials awarded by the colleges and recognized by the System, including Embedded Technical Diplomas and WTCS Pathway Certificates.

Board members discussed how the process has evolved, making it more efficient. Board Member Schwantes suggested that this presentation be included in new Board member orientation.

ITEM J: Apprenticeship Completion Report

Nancy Nakkoul, Education Director for Architecture, Construction and Apprenticeship and Dan Arneson, Senior Communications Specialist, gave an overview of the most recent Apprenticeship Completion report. Wisconsin's technical colleges work closely with the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development's Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards to meet employer needs in

the area of apprenticeship, providing the classroom instruction for apprenticeship programs in the industrial, construction and service industries.

Report highlights included:

- 98.0 percent of 2015-16 apprenticeship completers who received related instruction at a Wisconsin technical college reported they were employed in the trade for which they received training; and
- The annual median salary for all apprenticeship completers was \$71,624.

The board suggested that the report be sent to groups such as pathway coordinators, as well as the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment (CWI).

ITEM K: Legislative Update

WTCS Executive Vice President Jim Zylstra and Ms. Merrifield provided an update on legislative issues affecting the System, including bills before the Legislature that would affect the technical colleges. President Foy testified on a bill that would fund grants for apprentices, which is based on an existing private sector grant. President Foy expressed her appreciation that the college presidents assisted in securing the presence of key stakeholders to participate at the hearing on short notice.

Jim Zylstra provided a federal update, which included discussion of the recent Federal government shutdown, the HEA Authorization and Tax Reform.

ITEM P: Announcements/Adjourn

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is March 20-21, 2018, at Milwaukee Area Technical College – Oak Creek.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Barbian
Recording Secretary