

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS) BOARD  
NOVEMBER 12-13, 2019  
GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
SC JOHNSON IMET CENTER  
2320 RENAISSANCE BLVD  
STURTEVANT, WI**

**Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

Members Present: Caleb Frostman, Becky Levzow, Rodney Pasch, Cooper Richason, John Schwantes, Sharon Wendt for Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Kelly Tourdot, S. Mark Tyler, Stephen Willett via phone, Mary Williams via phone.

Members Absent: Eve Hall, W. Kent Lorenz, Terry McGowan.

System Office Staff Present: Dan Arneson, Terese Craig, Monique Currie, Julie Drake, Scott DuBenske, Morna Foy, Dan Scanlon, Chrystal Seeley-Schreck, Conor Smyth, Brandon Trujillo, Jim Zylstra.

District/Others Present: Vernon Jung, Layla Merrifield, District Boards Association; Ann Ilagan, Wisconsin Student Government; Bryan Albrecht, Ram Bhatia, Zina Haywood, Raymond Koukari, Steve McNaughton, Stacy Riley, Jeff Robshaw, Stephanie Sklba, John Thibodeau, Gateway Technical College; Jason Wood, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College; Robert Elliot, Northcentral Technical College.

**Board President Levzow called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. Julie Drake read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.**

Board President Levzow introduced and recognized Ann Ilagan, President of Wisconsin Student Government and a student at Mid-State Technical College.

Board President Levzow thanked Gateway Technical College (GTC) President, Bryan Albrecht, for hosting the meeting. President Albrecht welcomed and thanked the Board for visiting GTC.

**ITEM A: Approval of the September 10-11, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**It was moved by Board Member Pasch, seconded by Board Member Williams, that the September 10-11, 2019 meeting minutes be approved with recommended changes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ITEM B: Report of the Board President**

Dr. Hall's Board of Regents report was included in the Board folders for review. It was recently announced that University of Wisconsin (UW) System President Ray Cross will retire in June 2020. In addition, it was announced that WTCS Board Member Tyler will assist with the UW-Stout President search, while WTCS Board Chair Levzow will assist with UW-Green Bay President search.

WTCS Ambassadors have had more opportunities for public speaking at a System level, all part of the leadership development aspect of the Ambassador program. Lezow asked that Board members mark their calendars for the 2020 WTCS Ambassador Banquet on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

National Apprenticeship Week was being celebrated the same week as the Board meeting. Board Members Frostman and Tourdot shared updates on Apprenticeship events throughout the state, noting that Wisconsin was the first state with an Apprenticeship program and that new Apprenticeships have been created in additional sectors in recent years. In 2019, a record number of Apprentices were on the job.

### **ITEM C: Report of the System President**

System President Foy noted that Zaida Hernandez Irisson, Gateway Technical College's newest trustee, was a 2015 WTCS Ambassador. She has been a featured speaker at a number of System-wide events with an exemplary story of the System's pathway approach.

A video of Gateway's 2019 WTCS Ambassador Angela Haney was shown. Angie addressed the Board later in the meeting.

Six WTCS colleges – CVTC, FVTC, LTC, MPTC, SWTC and WITC – were eligible to compete for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. The Aspen Prize, awarded every two years, focuses on student success and looks at outstanding achievements in learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and access and success for minority and low-income students.

October was Manufacturing Month in Wisconsin, with more than 30 events that highlighted manufacturing careers and the education need to access them, emphasizing hands-on career awareness and exploration.

The Common Ground conference took place in October with more than 500 attendees from across the System, and included partners from K-12, literacy organizations and others. The event highlighted best practices in teaching and learning in the areas of ABE/ELL and General Education. It also fostered stronger connections among the partners in attendance.

In the coming weeks, System President Foy will have the opportunity to discuss apprenticeships with the National Department of Labor.

On December 6, the state's partners in the 60 Forward postsecondary attainment goal – WTCS, UW System and WAICU – have planned a professional development session called Equity in the Classroom. The event's focus is on empowering instructors from all three systems with tools and strategies to help all students succeed in the classroom. Leveraging technology, the event is taking place simultaneously in five locations.

On November 14 and 15, the Higher Learning Commission meets to discuss language around regional accreditation and multiple measures of credit to be considered.

### **ITEM D: Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association**

Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association (DBA) Executive Director Layla Merrifield and Association President and Moraine Park Technical College Trustee Vernon Jung updated the Board on recent activities.

The DBA Fall meeting and Legal Issues Seminar was held in Pewaukee October 31-November 2, at Waukesha County Technical College. Administrators and staff along with trustees received training. Board Members

Richason and Pasch were thanked for attending, along with System President Foy, who moderated the Higher Education Alliance panel from Milwaukee at the meeting.

The DBA Winter meeting takes place at Western Technical College in La Crosse, January 16-18, 2020.

#### **ITEM E: WTCS Presidents' Association**

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College President Jason Wood provided the Board with a brief update on recent activities of the Association.

After the Board meeting, the Presidents' Association hosts a student panel, led by GTC Provost Zina Haywood, about students who transfer to a four-year college.

The focus of the Association's January 2020 meeting is a panel discussion, led by MPTC President Baerwald, on re-entry populations.

#### **ITEM F: Teaching and Learning – Workforce Advancement Training (WAT) Grants**

WTCS Education Director for Career Transition and Workforce Development, Scott DuBenske, and GTC Dean of Business Workforce Solutions, Steve McNaughton, provided an overview of the System's Workforce Advancement Training (WAT) Grants.

The annual allocation for WAT funding is \$4 million, with \$3.5 million allocated for general business and \$500,000 allocated for small business. Colleges apply for WAT grant funds to serve business partners, including individual or multiple employers (consortia).

**It was moved by Board Member Schwantes, seconded by Board Member Frostman, to recess the meeting until Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting recessed at 5:56 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, November 13, 2019**

Members Present: Caleb Frostman, Becky Lezow, W. Kent Lorenz, Rodney Pasch, Cooper Richason, Sharon Wendt for Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Kelly Tourdot, S. Mark Tyler, Stephen Willett via phone, Mary Williams via phone.

Members Absent: Eve Hall, Terry McGowan, John Schwantes.

System Office Staff Present: Dan Arneson, Terese Craig, Monique Currie, Julie Drake, Morna Foy, Betsy Leonard, Dan Scanlon, Chrystal Seeley-Schreck, Conor Smyth, Brandon Trujillo, Jim Zylstra.

District/Others Present: Layla Merrifield, District Boards Association; Ann Ilagan, Wisconsin Student Government; Bryan Albrecht, Ray Koukari, Stacy Riley, Jeff Robshaw, Stephanie Sklba, Bill Whyte, Gateway Technical College; Roger Stanford, Western Technical College; Robert Elliott, Northcentral Technical College; Chris Dahlke, Chet Lamers, Jeff Rafn, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College; Sylvia Ramirez, Madison Area Technical College; Tanya Wasmer, Lakeshore Technical College; Curt Shircel, Lindsey Schmidt, John Cisler, Ashley VanGorden, Brookelyn Tuinstra, Jordan Tuinstra, Racine Unified School District (RUSD)-R.E.A.L. School.

President Albrecht introduced Angie Haney, 2019 WTCS Ambassador and Human Services Program student at Gateway, who greeted the Board and shared an update on her activities since April.

Sam Duczak, a Gateway Dual Credit Manager, shared an overview of Dual Enrollment at GTC.

President Albrecht introduced Ray Koukari, GTC Dean, School of Manufacturing, Engineering and IT; Curt Shircel, Principal and Lindsey Schmidt, Assistant Principal of The Racine Engineering, Arts and Leadership (R.E.A.L.) School; followed by tours of Gateway's ZSpace and Fab Lab, with R.E.A.L. School students providing demonstrations.

**Board President Levzow called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. Julie Drake read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.**

#### **ITEM G: Consent Agenda**

**It was moved by Board Member Richason, seconded by Board Member Willett, that the Board approve the program and facilities development requests as presented, with exception of the program approvals for Western Technical College. Motion carried unanimously.**

**It was moved by Board Member Lorenz, seconded by Board Member Tyler, that the Board approve the program approvals for Western Technical College's Interior Design and IT-Cybersecurity Specialist. Motion carried 8-0; Board member Richason abstained.**

#### **ITEM H: 2019-22 WTCS Facilities Plan**

WTCS Facilities Director Dan Scanlon provided an overview of the 2019-22 WTCS Facilities Plan, including a three-year summary of the technical colleges' capital maintenance budgets and planned facility development projects.

Board Member Frostman joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Board members noted that high-quality educational programs required up-to-date facilities.

**It was moved by Board Member Pasch, seconded by Board Member Frostman, that the Board accept the 2019-22 WTCS Facilities Plan. Individual projects included in the Plan are subject to the Board's review and approval, pursuant to s. 38.04(10) Stats. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **ITEM I: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Programs**

WTCS Education Director for Agriculture, Natural Resources and STEM, Betsy Leonard, and Gateway Division Chair of Engineering, Pat Hoppe, provided an overview of System-wide efforts to deliver and promote STEM programs.

STEM is one of 16 career clusters across WTCS. In 2018-19, WTCS Colleges offered 48 unique programs in the STEM Cluster. In the next three years, 12 of the 16 WTCS Colleges plan on offering new programs in the STEM Cluster, including Applied Engineering, Automation Systems Technology (Robotic Milking), Civil Engineering, Computer Programming, Cyber Security, Drone Technology and Engineering Technology.

### **ITEM J: Public Records Training**

WTCS Executive Vice President Jim Zylstra facilitated a public records training session. Board Members viewed a training module developed by the Wisconsin Department of Administration and completed the training module's quiz as a group.

A request for a future tutorial on open meetings was requested. Mr. Zylstra indicated that this topic would be addressed at a future meeting.

### **ITEM K: Legislative Update**

WTCS Executive Vice President Jim Zylstra, Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo and DBA Executive Director Merrifield provided an update on key legislative issues affecting the System.

Mr. Trujillo shared information on the upcoming WISCORE Conference being hosted at Madison College January 30-31. Additionally, he is working with HEAB on Wisconsin Grants. Finally, Wisconsin Student Government is meeting to set legislative priorities surrounding OER, Financial Aid and Increase Transfer (AB-189), with Board Member Richason being a member of the group.

WTCS Policy Advisor Monique Currie provided a federal update.

### **ITEM L: Announcements/Adjourn**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is January 21, 2020 at the System Office in Madison.

**It was moved by Board Member Tyler, seconded by Board Member Lorenz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Drake  
Recording Secretary