

WISCONSIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT
April 24-25th, 2009
Moraine Park Technical College
Minutes

Colleges Present: Rachel Weyers, WSG President; Justin Wheelock, WSG Vice President; Jan Logan, WSG Resource Director; Shari Prag, Webmaster; Tessa Weyers, WSG Secretary; Chippewa Valley, Fox Valley, Madison Area, Milwaukee Area, Moraine Park, Northcentral, Northeast Wisconsin, Southwest Wisconsin, Western, Wisconsin Indianhead.

Web Master Position discussion: Shari Prag explained she would not be able to fulfill the duties of the Public relations aspect of the contract she is in this coming year. She requested to be allowed to fulfill the webmaster responsibilities and that someone else be found to do the photo's, and write an article on each meeting. Vicky Brenes, Western, moved to allow Shari to step down and begin to look for a new Webmaster/PR Specialist. Sam Aquino, MATC-Madison, seconded it. Vicky Brenes, amended her motion to state that we get an assistant web master to take the position and job descriptions that Shari cannot provide so that she can train a new web master who can become familiar with the program, seconded by Sam Aquino, MATC-Madison. Motion not passed. Justin Wheelock, NWTC, moved to renew the Webmaster's contract for this next year and hire her only as the Webmaster for the next period. Dave Carle, CVTC, second. Motion passed.

Justin Wheelock, NWTC, moved to recess for lunch, Vicky Brenes, Western, second. Motion passed. Reconvened 12:29.

Approval of Minutes: Vicky Brenes, Western, moved to approve the minutes as presented. Passed by general consent.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Jan Logan. Report detailed transactions from February 16-April 10th. Total deposits equaled \$6,288.00. Total Expenses were \$6,857.87 leaving an ending checking balance of \$18,767.76. Savings balance was also presented. The Silent auction brought in \$713, far exceeding what was expected. **Motion:** Karen Hendrickson, SWTC, moved to accept the treasurer's report. Dan seconded it. Motion passed.

Officer updates: Justin Wheelock, WSG Vice President, shared about attending the state board meeting on March 24th and 25th with Rachel Weyers, WSG President. He shared that WSG's presence was very influential at the meeting where the state board set tuition increases for this next year. WTCS had requested that they only raise it 3.5% while the board planned to raise it 5.5%. Rachel and Justin shared and a compromise was achieved at 4.5% for regular tuition and 3.5% for collegiate transfer certificate courses. Rachel Weyers, WSG President, emphasized that it was important for them to be there but she encouraged students to get involved more and talk to their local boards to do better in the future. Rachel also shared about the trip to Washington DC with ASACC where she attended a national legislative seminar and advocated at the US capitol.

Legislative update: Jan Logan presented the legislative seminar update. There were 134 registrations from 100 projected to be needed to cover costs. The registrations brought in \$18,390.00 and the Silent Auction proceeds brought in \$713.00. Total profits from the legislative seminar were \$8,196.00. Milwaukee donated the accessories they brought, LTC did not bill for the cost of decorations, and NWTC, donated \$300 for entertainment.

WSG Goals Committee Update: La Tisha Vanden Bush, NWTC, Goals Committee Chair, presented three main areas that had been discussed earlier. La Tisha presented the ideas and there was a discussion and Dave Sommers, MATC-Milwaukee, moved to turn it over to the bylaws committee. Eric Gage, FVTC, seconded it. Motion passed. Rita will continue to chair the bylaws committee as long as she is involved as appointed by the WSG President.

Bylaws Committee and voting: The bylaws committee presented the recommended changes to the bylaws and put them to vote. The following changes were made:

Article 3, line 35: Sam Aquino, MATC-Madison, moved to take out the treasurer position reorganizing the executive board to include the president and 2 other positions. Dave Sommers, MATC-Milwaukee, seconded it. Approved 7/2.

Article 3, line 35: Eric Gage, FVTC, moved to accept the names presented in the proposed new bylaws in line 35 for the reorganized executive board. Vicky Brenes, Western, seconded it. Motion passed 7/2.

Vicky Brenes, Western, moved to carry the names throughout the document, Dave Carle, CVTC, second. Approved 7/2.

Article 3, line 40: Daniel Johnson, NTC, moved to add the phrase “Ex-Officio members do not have a vote in WSG meetings.” Seconded by Karen Hendrickson, SWTC. Approved 7/2.

Article 3, line 43 and part of 44: Dave Sommers, MATC-Milwaukee moved to approve line 43 and part of line 44 as written. Seconded by Vicky Brenes, Western. Approved 9/0.

Article 3, end of line 44 and 45: Sam Aquino, MATC-Madison, moved to accept the end of line 44 and 45 as stated. Vicky Brenes, Western, seconded it. Approved 9/0.

Article 3, line 46, 47, and part of 48: Vicky Brenes, Western, moved to approve line 46, 47, and first sentence of 48 with keeping the word treasurer in with a period after it in line 46 as stated. Dave Carle, CVTC, seconded it. Approved 9/0.

Article 3, end of line 48 and line 49: Karen Hendrickson, SWTC, moved to approve the end of line 48 and line 49 as written. Dave Sommers, MATC-Milwaukee, seconded it. Approved 9/0

Article 10, line 86: Sam Aquino, MATC-Madison, moved to accept line 86 as written with changes. Eric Gage, FVTC, seconded it. Approved 9/0.

Article 10, line 88: Karen Hendrickson, SWTC, moved to approve line 88 with written changes. Dave Carle, CVTC, seconded it. Approved 9/0.

Article 10, line 90: Karen Hendrickson, SWTC, moved to approve line 90 with written changes. Dave Carle, CVTC, seconded it. Approved 9/0.

Policy Changes: Vicky Brenes, Western, moved to approve changing in the policies everything else that is already reflected in the bylaws. Daniel Johnson, NTC, seconded it. Approved 9/0.

Page 12, line 119: Dave Carle, CVTC, moved to accept line 119 as amended. Karen Hendrickson, SWTC, seconded it. Approved 9/0.

Policy 6, page 16, line 33 and 34: Dave Sommers, MATC-Milwaukee, moved to approve policy 6 line 33 and 34 as written the new way. Daniel Johnson, NTC, seconded it. Approved 9/0.

Policy 8, page 17, line 55: Eric Gage, FVTC, moved to increase the per diem to the written proposal in line 55. Vicky Brenes seconded it. Approved 9/0.

Line 83 will be returned to at a later time to discuss FTE fee increase.

Motion: Sam Aquino, MATC-Madison, moved to take a 15-minute break. Dave Sommers, MATC-Milwaukee seconded it, passed by general consent. **Meeting reconvened at 2:23p.m.**

Update from legislative affairs committee: WSG Vice President Justin Wheelock, presented some action legislative issues relative to WSG. AB80 bill (Business receive funding to offer incentive for employers to offer furthering education for employees), AB51 bill (Mandate proposal for evening classes), and AB159 bill (take away opportunity for municipalities to be taking money from our schools when they overtaxed someone yet not giving it back to the schools when there is a surplus). Dave Sommers, MATC-Madison presented some of the issues presently in the budget.

Attendance of WSG President at ASACC: Rachel Weyers, WSG President shared about her trip to Washington to advocate for students and presented the pro’s and con’s of sending the WSG President to the ASACC meetings. Sam Aquino, MATC-Madison moved to send the WSG president to ASACC next year and every year. Karen Hendrickson, SWTC, seconded it. Motion passed 9/0. Sam Aquino, MATC-Madison moved to send the WSG President to the fall and spring meetings, Dave Sommers, MATC-Madison, seconded it. The motion did not pass. 1 in favor and 7 opposed. Vicky Brenes, Western, moved to send the President to the spring meeting. Dave Carle, CVTC, seconded it. Motion passed 8/1.

Motion: Vicky Brenes, Western, moved to take a break, passed by general consent. Meeting reconvened at 3:26 p.m.

2009/2010 Budget Proposal: Proposed budget was presented by Jan Logan, Rachel Weyers, and Justin Wheelock. Daniel Johnson, NTC, moved to approve the whole budget as presented, Karen Hendrickson, SWTC seconded it. There was discussion and Sam Aquino, MATC-Madison moved to amend the Web master PR specialist wages proposal down to \$200 for the Web master position and \$500 for the PR Specialist duties. Vicky Brenes seconded

it. There was a discussion and the question was called on the amended motion. Passed, 6 in favor, 3 opposed. The question was called on the first motion to approve the whole budget as written with the amendments. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Dan Johnson, NTC, moved to have WSG pay for dinner tonight with the money that was voted to not be used for the Webmaster/public relations' position. Joe Callari seconded it. Motion not passed 3/5.

Sam Aquino, MATC-Madison, moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Carle, CVTC, seconded it. Meeting adjourned 4:50pm.

SATURDAY MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 8:44 a.m. Colleges present were same as for Friday.

Advisor's Presentation: The advisors presented a handout and overview of what they felt would strengthen WSG.

President election: The president position description was reviewed and Dave Sommers, MATC-Milwaukee nominated Nick Kasprzak, MATC-Milwaukee, Nick accepted; Daniel Johnson, NTC, nominated Justin Wheelock, NWTC, Justin accepted; Sam Aquino, MATC-Madison nominated himself and accepted. Each nominee gave a speech on why they wanted the position and answered two questions. There was a break for 5 min. to discuss the elections between colleges, two follow up questions were asked and the vote was collected by ballot. Justin Wheelock, NWTC, was announced as the President for 2009-2010.

Approval of the agenda: Justin Wheelock, WSG President, asked that the agenda be approved as presented with the exception of removing the 9:30 point for setting the next executive team meeting. No objections. Agenda approved.

Vice President Election: The job description for vice president was presented and Daniel Johnson, NTC, nominated Eric Gage, FVTC, for vice president, Eric accepted; Dave Sommers, MATC-Milwaukee, nominated Nick Kasprzak, MATC-Milwaukee, Nick accepted. Each nominee gave a speech and answered three questions. There was a 5 min. break for colleges to discuss choices. Eric Gage, FVTC, was announced as the Vice President for 2009-2010 by ballot vote.

Rise to point of order, the agenda was behind. It was moved to amend the agenda to continue the elections not to exceed past 10:20, at which time the meeting dates discussion would begin and 11:00 the goals discussion and contracted positions would begin for 30 min. then agenda would be resumed. No objections, agenda amended. In consideration of certain schools Justin Wheelock, WSG President asked for an amendment of the agenda to place the governor reports before the next meeting dates discussion. No objections. Agenda amended.

Administrative Financial Officer Election: Position description presented. Sam Aquino, MATC-Madison, nominated Dave Carle, CVTC, Dave accepted. No other nominations. Dave Carle was approved with no objections.

Governor reports: Reports by each college's governor were given.

2009/2010 WSG meeting dates: Rachel Weyers, WITC, presented the proposed meeting dates. Sam Aquino, MATC-Madison moved to accept the proposed meeting dates with the June meeting removed. Karen Hendrickson, SWTC, seconded it. Motion passed. Next meeting dates with locations to be determined:

October 16-17	November 13-14	January 22-23
February 21-23	April 23-24	

2009-2010 Contracted Positions: It was decided to make the secretary position an e-mail vote. It was also noted that we still need a volunteer for a public relations person to take photos and write an article about the meetings.

Motion: Sam Aquino, MATC-Madison moved to adjourn, passed by general consent. Meeting adjourned 10:47 a.m.

Recorder: Tessa Weyers