

**Wisconsin Student Government**  
**November 13-14, 2009**  
Ramada Inn, Stevens Point, WI  
**Minutes (Revised 1/26/2010)**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 4:36 p.m.

**COLLEGES PRESENT:** Justin Wheelock, WSG President; Eric Gage, WSG Vice President; Dave Carle, WSG Administrative Financial Officer (AFO); Jan Logan, WSG Resource Director; Meghan Parker, WSG Secretary; Blackhawk, Chippewa Valley, Lakeshore, Madison Area, Milwaukee Area, Moraine Park, Nicolet, Northcentral, Northeast Wisconsin, Southwest Wisconsin, Western, Wisconsin Indianhead.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The October minutes were approved as presented. Passed by general consent.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by Jan Logan, WSG Resource Director. Lakeshore and Fox Valley have paid dues. The report detailed expenses from 10/10/09-11/06/09. Jan presented the balances of WSG accounts as of 11/6/09. The checking account balance is \$16,150.41. The savings account balance is \$19,868.01. The combined total of accounts as of 10/09/09 is \$36,018.42.

**OFFICER'S UPDATE:** Eric Gage, WSG Vice President, had nothing new to report. Dave Carle, WSG AFO, reported on the success of linking up people on committees through technology. He also stated his need for people to return the feedback form relating to the October meeting. Justin Wheelock, WSG President, reported on his and the Executive Board's continued teamwork. He also noted an Executive Board member will go to the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) board meeting this month at Blackhawk Technical College.

**GOVERNOR REPORT'S:** All governors gave brief reports except Blackhawk, Fox Valley, and SWTC.

**UPDATE ON CURRENT LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:** Eric Gage, WSG Vice President, led discussion on current Assembly Bills (AB). AB 159 pertains to refunding previously paid property taxes. AB 288 relates to education and testing credentials needed to become a licensed professional engineer. AB 509 states that the fees used for residence halls at tech colleges will be tax free. And AB 513, also called The Wisconsin Jobs Initiative, invests \$52 million in aid for tech college students. Eric presented information on each bill and let each college's governor state their opinion on the bill.

**MOTION:** Justin Wheelock, WSG President, entertained a motion to adjourn. Eric Wagner, NWTC, moved to adjourn. Seconded by Vicky Brenes, Western. No objections.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 5:58 p.m.

**SATURDAY MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 8:44 a.m.

**COLLEGES PRESENT: Note:** Eric Gage, WSG Vice President, acted as President for the meeting. Colleges were the same as Friday with the addition of Fox Valley.

**MOTION:** Blackhawk moved to amend the meeting agenda. Seconded by Fox Valley. All in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting agenda amended to delete warm up and know your district, due to Justin Wheelock's, WSG President, absence. The time slot was filled with position paper discussion with governors.

**POSITION PAPER DISCUSSION:** Eric Wagner, NWTC, and Legislative Committee co-chair presented current topic ideas for the paper. They are, Increased state funding, TAA/Displaced workers rights, VA education benefits, Credit Transferability, Closing the financial aid gap, Equal rights for the Wisconsin Technical College System, Rights to handle local issues like housing, tobacco policies and taxes.

**FEBURARY LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR:** Jan Logan, WSG Resource Director, spoke about the overview of the conference agenda. Jan also went over the committees each college is responsible for.

**WSG COMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSIONS:** Fox Valley joined the goals committee.

**WSG COMMITTEE CHAIR PRESENTATIONS OF STATUS/PLANS:**

**Academic Affairs Committee:** Sara Miller, WI Indianhead, presented parking and textbook rental programs as important topics.

**Goals Committee:** Nick Kasprzak, MATC-Milwaukee, presented student registration fee, funding for student groups and, reimbursement of 100% of dropped classes as important topics.

**Legislative Committee:** Eric Wagner, NWTC, stated they went over last year's position paper topics and will use them for this year's starting points. Eric acknowledged that the most important topic is increased financial aid.

**Bylaws Committee:** Dave Jones, Blackhawk, reported they will stick with the many changes made to the bylaws last year. The committee will examine the bylaws closer to see if minor changes are needed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Fox Valley brought to the attention of the Executive Board that they need a login/password for the website discussion section. Shari Prag, WSG Webmaster, will be notified.

The next meeting will be January 22-23, 2010 at MATC-Madison.

**MOTION:** Jessie Nuñez, MATC-Madison, moved to have MATC-Madison from now on be referred to as Madison College. Seconded by Blackhawk. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** Nick Kasprzak, MATC-Milwaukee, moved to adjourn. Seconded by Eric Wagner, NWTC. Passed by general consent.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 10:48 a.m.

Recorder: Meghan Parker