

WISCONSIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT

October 16-17, 2009

Western Technical College, La Crosse, WI

MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:04 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, North Central, Northeast Wisconsin, Southwest Wisconsin, Western, Wisconsin Indianhead.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 2009 minutes approved as presented with the minor changes of, correcting Vicky Brenes's last name and adding Nick Kasprzak's last name. Passed by general consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Jan Logan, WSG Resource Director. Jan presented list of colleges that have paid dues. She encouraged everyone to get the other colleges involved since dues are a source of income for WSG. Report detailed transactions from April 11th - October 9th. Checking Account balance as of 4/11/09 was \$18,767.76. Total deposits since were \$8,841.00. Total expenses were \$5,807.54. Leaving an ending checking balance of \$21,801.22. The savings balance as of 10/02/09 is \$19,867.17. The total of the checking and savings accounts, as of 10/09/09, is \$41,668.39.

WSG OFFICER UPDATES: Justin Wheelock, WSG President, reported on his and other board members attendance at the American Student Association of Community Colleges (ASACC) 25th Anniversary conference in Milwaukee. He went to May meeting for WTCS Board. He described the excitement that comes along with the Governor attending a meeting. He commended the executive board for meeting over the summer to lay plans for the 2009 - 2010 year. Eric Gage, WSG Vice President, reported that he went to the WTCS Board meeting in September. He also attended WSG training at Fox Valley. Dave Carle, WSG AFO, visited many of the tech colleges and was busy with administrative duties.

GOVERNOR REPORTS: Reports by each college's governor were given.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER PRESENTATION: Dave Carle, WSG AFO, ran an interactive power point presentation. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Nick Kasprzak, MATC-Milwaukee, moved to adjourn, seconded by Claude Lane, Western. No objections.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:17 p.m.

SATURDAY MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 8:36 a.m. **COLLEGES PRESENT:** Same as Friday.

ROBERT'S RULES WARM UP PRESENTATION: Dave Carle, WSG AFO, presented Jeopardy style game.

OVERVIEW OF TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM: Justin Wheelock, WSG President, offered an overview of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Map of districts. Presented their website and, explained what they oversee in the system. www.wtcsystem.edu

GUEST SPEAKER DR. LEE RASCH (PRESIDENT, WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE): Dr. Rasch welcomed us to the new Lunde center at Western. He highlighted current legislative issues pertaining to tech colleges. Representative Corey Mason has Assembly Bill (AB) 513, which invests \$50 million in aid for tech college students. Representative Jennifer Shilling has AB 509, which says the fees used for residence halls at tech colleges will be tax free. Dr. Rasch praised WSG members for lobbying in the past because he has seen the efforts pay off.

ASACC OVERVIEW: Karen Vogel, MATC-Milwaukee, ASACC represents all technical/vocational schools in the U.S. Students go to D.C. twice a year to lobby U.S. Senate and Congress. The three current points that they are working on are: 1) Raising Pell Grant funding 2) More Perkins Grant money 3) Lowering the independent student age. Jerry O’Sullivan, MATC-Milwaukee Advisor, contributed with a brief history of ASACC. He also noted that the top officials now in D.C. are willing to work more with ASACC.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES: Justin Wheelock, WSG President, overviewed the four committees.

Bylaws Committee: Dave Jones, Blackhawk, Chairperson. Justin Wheelock, WSG President, Member. Marybell Arroyo, MATC-Milwaukee, Member.

Legislative Committee: Vicky Brenes, Western, and Eric Gage, WSG Vice President, Co-Chairs. Nick Kasprzak and Dave Sommers, MATC-Milwaukee, Members. Dave Jones, Blackhawk, Member. Laura Rehbein, MPTC, Member.

Academic Committee: Wisconsin Indianhead and North Central, Co-Chairs. MATC–Madison, Member. Moraine Park, Member. Claude Lane, Western, Member. Dan Helgeson, Western, Member.

Goals Committee: Lakeshore, Chair. Nick Kasprzak and Dave Sommers, MATC-Milwaukee, Members. Natalie Beeman and Kevin Miller, Southwest, Members.

Motion: Eric Wagner, Northeast, moved to recess for ten minutes. Natalie Beeman, Southwest, seconded, motion passed. Meeting recessed at 9:44 a.m. Meeting reconvened: 10:05 a.m.

GOALS FOR 2009-10: Justin Wheelock, WSG President, opened the floor for suggestions for goals for WSG. Topics covered included, equality with the UW system, credit transfer improvement, neighboring states credit transfer, more work study jobs, bringing better visibility to WSG and student governments at the local colleges.

HOW TO ADVOCATE WITH LEGISLATORS: Eric Gage, WSG Vice President, introduced guest speaker **State Senator Dan Kapanke**. Senator Kapanke, La Crosse, represents the 32nd senate district. He serves on the senate higher education committee and believes we can grow jobs and the economy in WI through education. His tips for working with legislators and their staff are: 1) Communication 2) Persistence 3) Finding common ground. Q&A with Senator Kapanke followed.

Eric Gage, WSG Vice President, went over AB 51, which relates to all tech college boards requiring at least one-third of all class periods each semester to begin after 5 p.m. Eric handed out folders to each governor including more info.

FEBURARY LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR: Jan Logan, WSG Resource Director, reviewed last year’s agenda. Jan urged colleges to return committee ranking sheets by October 24. She presented a proposal for the registration fees.

MOTION: Justin Wheelock, WSG President, entertained a motion to approve the registration fees for the legislative seminar. Vicky Brenes, Western, moved. Jennifer Johnson, MATC-Madison, seconded it. Some discussion followed. Motion passed 9/1.

OTHER BUSINESS: Jan updated WSG on income tax filing requirements for 2009. An accountant has been identified to perform this work. Money has been budgeted for 2009-10 to pay for accounting assistance.

Natalie Beeman, Southwest, raised **point of clarification**. Was the roll called for this meeting? Justin Wheelock, WSG President, called roll.

NEXT MEETING: November 13 14, 2009.at Ramada Inn in Stevens Point.

MOTION: Southwest moved to adjourn, seconded by Moraine Park. Passed by general consent. **MEETING ADJOURNED:** 11:44 a.m.

Recorder: Meghan Parker