

# Wisconsin Student Government

January 22-23, 2010

Madison College, Madison, WI

## Minutes

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 10:32 a. m.

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

**PRIOR TO ROLE CALL** JUSTIN WHEELOCK RESIGNED AS PRESIDENT. PER WSG BYLAWS ERIC GAGE BECOMES PRESIDENT.

**MOTION:** Eric Gage, WSG President, moved to amend the agenda. Vicky Brenes, Western, moved to adopt the motion. Lakeshore seconded it. Motion passed.

**NOMINATIONS FOR VACANT POSITION(S):** Dave Carle, WSG AFO, nominated himself for Vice President. Vicky Brenes, Western, suggested nominations remain open until Saturday. Per the agenda, vacant positions would be determined on Saturday as well.

**LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY:** Edna Early, Indianhead, and Kelly Anunson, Nicolet, led a lecture/discussion on communications. Good communication skills consist of talking clearly, writing well, preparing thoughts, and developing good habits. Meaningful connections are related to your presence, your attitude, and how you make people feel. Edna also lectured on rules of fair fighting and dealing with difficult people.

**MOTION:** FVTC moved to recess. NWTC seconded it. Motion passed. Recessed for thirty minutes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Two minor changes to the November minutes were presented. Note that FVTC was at Saturday meeting. Vicky Brenes' name was spelled wrong.

**MOTION:** FVTC moved to amend minutes, Indianhead seconded it. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by Jan Logan, WSG Resource Director. The report featured expenses from 11/08/09-12/31/09. The balance of the WSG checking account as of 1/11/10 is \$15,024.65. The balance of the WSG savings account as of 1/06/10 is \$19,869.67. The combined total of accounts as of 12/31/09 is \$34,894.32.

**OFFICER UPDATES:** Eric Gage, WSG President, attended the WTCS board meeting in November. Dave Carle, WSG AFO, reported that he is working closely with the committees.

**GOVERNOR REPORT'S:** All governors gave brief reports on events happening at their colleges.

**WSG COMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSIONS:** Eric Gage, WSG President, called for the committees to convene for an hour.

**"TELLING YOUR STORY TO YOUR LEGISLATORS":** Eric Gage, WSG President, presented information on how to make an impact when meeting with Legislators in February. Three things to remember are 1) Share your bio 2) Share why you are doing this 3) Tell them about the good things going on at your college.

**MOTION:** Blackhawk moved to recess for twenty minutes. Passed by general consent.

**MOTION:** Northcentral moved to amend the agenda to move the Legislative Seminar presentation from tomorrow to today, due to Conor Smyth's absence. Indianhead seconded it. Motion passed.

**WSG LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR:** Jan Logan, WSG Resource Director, presented updated information on the seminar. Jan presented budget items and encouraged all colleges to promote the event. Jan went through items regarding the Legislative Seminar. Each technical college chairing a committee reported on their progress. A discussion on expenditures for snacks and candies at the seminar occurred.

**MOTION:** Madison moved to approve \$600 for refreshments for the Sunday hospitality room. Milwaukee Area seconded it. Northeast Wisconsin moved to amend motion to \$800 to include candies for the tables on Monday. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** Northcentral moved to approve \$500 for refreshments for Monday. SWTC seconded it. Motion passed.

Eric Gage, WSG President, made closing statements. He stated Conor Smyth is the liaison between students and the WTCS board. He asked for any input to pass on to Conor. Eric also shared that Eddie Paul, FVTC, has been appointed student rep for the WTCS board.

**MOTION:** Eric Gage, WSG President, moved to adjourn. Blackhawk seconded it. Passed by general consent.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 3:50 p.m.

**SATURDAY MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 8:34 a.m.

**COLLEGES PRESENT:** Same as Friday.

**NOMINATIONS FOR VACANT POSITION(S):** Dave Jones, Blackhawk, nominated Nick Kasprzak, MATC-Milwaukee for Vice President. Dave Carle, WSG AFO, nominated yesterday, and Nick Kasprzak, MATC-Milwaukee, each gave a short speech on why they wanted the position and their qualifications. SWTC moved to close nominations. CVTC seconded it. Each candidate answered two questions. There was a five-minute break for colleges to discuss choices. NWTC moved to reopen nominations. Madison seconded it. Justin Wheelock, NWTC, nominated Eric Wagner, NWTC. Eric Gage WSG President moved to accept nomination. Nomination passed 9-2 with one person abstaining. Eric Wagner gave a short speech and answered the same questions. Four additional follow up questions were asked. Another five minute break was taken for colleges to discuss. The vote was collected by paper ballot and Eric Wagner, NWTC, was announced as the Vice President for the remainder of 2009-2010.

**WSG COMMITTEE CHAIR PRESENTATIONS:** Nick Kasprzak, MATC-Milwaukee, presented information the Goals committee worked on. Karla Russow, NTC, shared information the Academic Affairs committee worked on.

Dave Jones, Blackhawk, presented recommended changes to the Bylaws. Copies of the recommended changes were given to the governors. A vote on the changes will take place at the February meeting.

Eric Wagner, NWTC, presented the 2010 WSG position paper. The four main points of the paper are that WSG supports (1) Increased funding for the WTCS; (2) Improved financial aid resources; (3) Increased credit mobility; (4) adequate funding for Veteran Ed benefits.

**MOTION:** Indianhead moved to approve position paper as presented. MPTC seconded it. Motion passed.

NWTC moved to recess for fifteen minutes. Indianhead seconded it. Motion passed.

When the meeting reconvened, Dave Jones, Blackhawk, led discussion regarding additional changes to the Bylaws. CVTC moved to limit the discussion to five minutes. Seconded by Nicolet. Motion passed. Discussion to end at 10:55 a.m.

**LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY:** Dave Carle, WSG AFO, led a group activity.

**UTILIZING OUR TALENTS:** Eric Gage, WSG President, presented information on how students can best advocate for credit portability. CVTC moved to limit discussion to five more minutes. Nicolet seconded it. Motion passed.

Madison moved to make this an issue for the Goals committee. Nicolet seconded it. Motion denied by voice vote.

**MOTION:** Blackhawk moved to adjourn the meeting. Indianhead seconded it. Motion passed. **MEETING ADJOURNED:** 12:00 p.m.

Recorder: Meghan Parker