

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Saturday – October 1, 2005

Held at Nicolet Area Technical College

The meeting was **called to order** by President, Michelle Scholz at 8:12 a.m.

Present were Madison Area, Milwaukee Area, Moraine Park, Nicolet Area, Northeast Wisconsin, Southwest Wisconsin, Western Wisconsin, Wisconsin Indianhead.

Welcome was given by Ellen Burgan, Advisor, Nicolet Area Technical College.

History of WSG was presented by John Broughton, Advisor – Western Wisconsin Area Technical College.

Executive Board Reports

Michelle Scholz talked about attending the Wisconsin Technical College Board Association meeting during the summer where policy governance was discussed and she met the 2001-2002 WSG President.

Minutes were accepted as submitted with one correction to the spelling of Scholz.

October Financial Summary was accepted as submitted. (financial summary attached)

A motion was made to approve the 2005-2006 budget as submitted by Northeast Wisconsin and seconded by Madison Area. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously 7-0. (budget attached)

Old Business

A motion was made to confirm the contracting of Vickie Young for the position of Resource Director by Madison Area and seconded by Wisconsin Indianhead. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

A motion was made to form the Legislative Affairs and Academic Affairs Committee by Madison Area and seconded by Wisconsin Indianhead. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously. 7-0

New Business

Board Appointments – The Governor appointed Hunter Oemig to the Wisconsin Technical College System State Board and Vickie Young was appointed to the Higher Education Aids Board.

Web Site – The domain name wsgtec.com was recently purchased for five years for \$9.95. The wsgtec.org domain name will run out in February and will not be renewed. Be sure and let student know about the Campus Concerns page where any student can submit a concern.

Textbook Tax – A resolution was introduced to eliminate the tax charged on textbooks. Representative Judy Krawczyk 88th Assembly District Republican has agreed to reintroduce the legislation which was originally introduced in 2001 as Assembly Bill 264. A motion was made to accept Resolution WSGR-06 and forward the resolution to Representative Judy Krawczyk. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously 6-0. (WSGR-06 attached)

Bylaw Committee – Laura Erdman, Southwest Wisconsin gave the report. She has had an attorney look at the bylaws and he found them to be sufficient. There are a few little things that need clarified but he needed the previous copy for comparison. He did point out that quorum needs to be defined. A bylaw change was introduced to clarify quorums. A motion was made to pass the quorum additions forward to the next meeting for approval by Western Wisconsin and seconded by Madison Area. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously 6-0. (Bylaw change attached)

Seminar Committees were chosen with the following results:

Printing – Milwaukee Area

Speakers – Nicolet Area

Welcoming Table and Registration – Western Wisconsin

Decorations/Entertainment – Northeast Wisconsin

Birthday Basket – Wisconsin Indianhead

Accessories – Southwest Wisconsin

Resource Room – Moraine Park

Position Papers – Madison Area

Silent Auction – Chippewa Valley

Relaxation was presented by Edna Early, Advisor – Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College. It was a very relaxing presentation.

Legislative Update – The following legislation was discussed and a decision was made to support, stay neutral, or oppose each.

Assembly Bill 106

expanding the individual income tax deduction for college tuition expenses.

SUPPORT

Assembly Bill 158

appointment of student members of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System.

SUPPORT

Assembly Bill 317

exempting spouses, unmarried surviving spouses, and children of certain veterans from tuition and fees at the University of Wisconsin System and at technical colleges.

SUPPORT

Assembly Bill 318

exempting certain veterans from tuition and fees at the University of Wisconsin System and at technical colleges.

SUPPORT

Assembly Bill 349

transfer of certain program credits within the University of Wisconsin System.

SUPPORT

Assembly Bill 350

transfer of nursing course credits between the University of Wisconsin System and the Technical College System.

SUPPORT

Assembly Bill 378

college reenrollment of persons called into active military service.

SUPPORT

Assembly Bill 578

rights of University of Wisconsin System students, adopting maximum weight standards for pupil textbooks, and contracts that grant naming rights.

NEUTRAL

Assembly Bill 603

popular election of technical college district boards, providing an exemption from and extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures and granting rule-making authority.

A motion to OPPOSE Assembly Bill 603 through resolution WSGR-07 was made by Madison Area and seconded by Wisconsin Indianhead. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously 6-0. (WSGR-07 attached)

Senate Bill 121

appointment of student members of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System.

SUPPORT

Senate Bill 187

making a student who has been convicted of possessing, with intent to manufacture, distribute, or deliver, or of manufacturing, distributing, or delivering, a controlled substance or controlled substance analog ineligible for state financial aid and granting rule-making authority.

OPPOSE

Wisconsin Student Government's stand on each issue will be communicated to the legislators via email and letters.

Lobbying laws were discussed. Wisconsin law requires the organization to register with the Wisconsin Ethics Board if the organization employs an individual who communicates with state officials and they attempt to influence those officials you are allowed 5 days in the first or last six months of the year. Vickie stated she is at the 5 day limit and needs to be able to communicate with elected officials.

A motion was made to allocate \$300 to register the organization and Vickie Young as the lobbyist by Wisconsin Indianhead and seconded by Madison Area. A roll call vote was taken. Motions passed 6-0 with 1 abstain.

Creative ways to promote events was presented by Ellen Burgan, Advisor – Nicolet Area Technical College. It was a very interesting and informative. Ellen came up with some very unique ideas on promotion. She made a point that people don't see posters but they do see things that are out of the ordinary such as a poster with an actual place setting to promote a luncheon.

Shared Governance and Voting Rights on Local District Boards was discussed. Shared Governance is defined in the state statutes 38. 145. A copy of implementing Wisconsin Act 101 is available on the wsgtec.com web page. This explains the statute. Milwaukee Area Technical College Policy for Student representation to the district board was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next meeting November 5, 2005 at Madison Area Technical College

Respectfully Submitted
Vickie Young



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Checking Account</u>	<u>Savings Account</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Beginning Balances		\$ 100.00	\$ 17,755.68	\$ 17,855.68
<u>Ending Balances Through</u>	October 1, 2005	\$ 3,573.01	\$ 15,481.47	\$ 19,054.48
	November 4, 2005			\$ -
	January 7, 2006			\$ -
	April 8, 2006			\$ -

Revenues Collected

Dues		\$ 2,604.47	
Interest		21.32	
Seminar Registration Fees		-	
Seminar Silent Auction		-	
	Total	\$ 2,625.79	

Expenditures

Domain Name Registration		\$ 9.95	
Office Supplies		73.49	
Printing		-	
Seminar Accessories		-	
Seminar Entertainment		-	
Seminar Hotel		-	
Seminar Speaker Gifts		-	
Stipend Resource Director		999.99	
Stipend Secretary		-	
Stipend Webmaster		-	
Travel Expenses		177.00	
Web Hosting		166.56	
	Total	\$ 1,426.99	

Submitted by
 Linda Radomski - Milwaukee Area Technical College
 Treasurer
 October 1, 2005

BUDGET 2005-2006			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Fiscal Year Carry Over	\$ 17,855.68	Domain Name Registration	18.90
Dues	7,560.00	Office Supplies	400.00
Interest	50.00	Printing	400.00
Seminar Registration Fees	12,000.00	Seminar Accessories	800.00
Seminar Silent Auction	200.00	Seminar Entertainment	800.00
TOTAL	\$ 37,665.68	Seminar Hotel	\$ 8,000.00
		Seminar Speaker Gifts	100.00
		Stipend Resource Director	4,000.00
		Stipend Secretary	200.00
		Stipend Webmaster	200.00
		Travel expenses	1,000.00
		Web Hosting	225.96
		TOTAL	\$ 16,144.86
		End of Fiscal Year 2006	\$ 21,520.82

Wisconsin Student Government
2005-2006

WSGR-06

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, financial concerns for college students are starting to mount, in addition to tuition costs, there are numerous other expenses related to attaining higher education; and

WHEREAS, the rising cost of textbooks have placed a burden on students financial situations; and

WHEREAS, alleviating some of the costs with purchasing textbooks will make it easier for students to afford requirements they need for an advanced education; and

WHEREAS, nearly all academic classes require textbooks; and

WHEREAS, the states of California, Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Texas and West Virginia provide sales tax exemptions on textbooks for students; and

WHEREAS, other states, such as New York and Illinois have lowered sales tax rates for textbooks; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's economic goals depend on having a better trained workforce; and

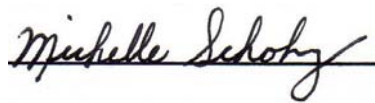
WHEREAS, the state is still assured income tax revenue from students because an increasing number of students are working part or full-time to finance college, family, or both, and future income tax revenue can also permanently increase by helping a student get better educated now; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's technical college graduates contribute \$3.851 billion of all annual earnings in the State of Wisconsin's economy and Wisconsin's technical college graduates earnings are equal to that of roughly 124,810 jobs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Wisconsin Student Government will begin to lobby members of the Wisconsin State Senate and State Assembly to amend Wisconsin Code allowing for the exemption of sales tax and use tax for textbooks that are required for a university, college, or technical college courses purchased by college students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the definition of "textbook" be expanded to include media current with higher education learning formats; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Wisconsin Student Government shall transmit a copy to Representative Judy Krawczyk 88th Assembly District Republican.



Michelle Scholz
President
Wisconsin Student Government

October 1, 2005
Date

ARTICLE 9 – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Governors **present** at the meeting after the amendment is introduced.

Section 2. A quorum to conduct business at regular meetings and special meetings shall be five (5) Governors of WSG, including at least two Executive Board members, (President, Vice President, or Treasurer) and three Governors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. Except as otherwise provided under these Bylaws, or provisions of law, no business shall be considered by the members at any meeting at which the required quorum is not present, and the only motion which the Chair shall entertain at such meeting is a motion to adjourn.

Section 4. A simple majority vote of members present shall carry a motion except on a motion to amend the Constitution. (see Article 9, Section 1)

Wisconsin Student Government
2005-2006

WSGR-07

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, students realize the value and importance of Wisconsin's appointed technical college district boards; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's technical college board model is designed for excellence in local representation and college governance and is a copied and proven national model; and

WHEREAS, technical college boards are as representative as elected boards geographically, by profession, experience, and background, by gender and minority group status, because they are volunteers insulated from partisan politics and funding, because vacancies can be filled more quickly and cheaply; and

WHEREAS, locally appointed boards are part of a balanced and accountable state-local governance structure which is the best of combined state and local governance and local boards are only part of community input in college governance; and

WHEREAS, technical college boards operate as openly, publicly, and with as much opportunity for public input as any form of local government; and

WHEREAS, board appointment is a democratic process, does not create professional politicians, follow the same ethics laws as elected officials, bring together a wide cross section of community leadership, and include elected officials; and

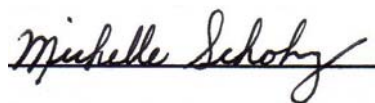
WHEREAS, technical colleges are the state's key economic engine and return more to the economy than any other publicly funded activity with a return of \$2 in tax revenue for every \$1 of total public investment while meeting an ever-changing variety of training needs, local community needs, and providing cutting edge technology and offerings; and

WHEREAS, the technical college boards are recognized as national leaders and role models; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly Speaker's Taskforce final recommendations included: "Maintain the current method of appointing members of technical college boards".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Wisconsin Student Government does not support any legislation the purpose of which is to eliminate locally appointed district boards and replaces them with elected boards hence eliminating the proven and non-political governance model; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Representative Rob Kreibich, Chairperson-Assembly Colleges and Universities Committee.



Michelle Scholz
President
Wisconsin Student Government

October 1, 2005
Date