



Minutes
Regular Meeting
Friday, January 6th, 2006
Held at Chippewa Valley Technical College

WSG President, *Michelle Scholz*, **called the meeting to order** at 9:08 a.m.

Present were Chippewa Valley, Fox Valley, Madison Area, Milwaukee Area, Moraine Park, Northeast Wisconsin, Southwest Wisconsin, Western Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Indianhead.

Nick Eckler from *Chippewa Valley* started off the meeting by presenting *Michelle Scholz* with a gavel made of black walnut by a former student. This gavel is to be passed down to future WSG presidents. *Gina Steinhardt* will look into having this gavel professionally engraved to commemorate this occasion and purpose.

Executive Board Reports

- **Minutes** were accepted as submitted.
- **Treasurer's report** (Financial Summary) was accepted as submitted.

Seminar Committees' Status

Printing – Milwaukee Area

- Waiting for specifics

Welcoming Table & Registration – Western Wisconsin

- No comments or questions at this time

Decorations/Entertainment – Northeast Wisconsin

- Using all of their current budget for “Casino Nights,” including games, prizes, etc.
It was decided and voted upon to increase their budget from \$800 to \$1000.
Decorations are to be kept in a plastic container and passed on from year to year.

Birthday Basket – Wisconsin Indianhead

- Wants to know specific items in order to plan for size of baskets (or gift bags)
(Please e-mail early@wite.edu (Edna) about your items and sizes.)

Accessories – Southwest Wisconsin

- No comments or questions at this time

Resource Room – Moraine Park

- **Each college should bring an item to represent their specific college for this room**

Position Papers – Madison Area

- Handout was discussed and some revisions were requested

Silent Auction – Chippewa Valley

- Bring items & fill out sheet (need good starting bid) – held Monday evening
(Each college should bring at least 2-3 items if possible.)

Speakers – Nicolet Area

Four confirmed main speakers:

1. Paul Gabriel – boards & state status (also available to do a breakout session)
2. Connie Hutchinson – financial aid
3. Annie Early – lobbying
4. Dan Clancy – transferability within the technical system and to the UW system

FYI – Advisors from WITC and NWTC said they now transferable to UW system (just occurred this fall).

Discussion on breakout sessions (brought up by students or advisors):

- *Ty Peterson, Ozark* (great speaker about non-smoking policy on campuses)
- Want nitty-gritty of subjects for these sessions
- *WITC* – explain “our side” better on issues
- *Jerry* – all sides of issues rather than one side; that way we’ll understand more; our experiences are important for legislators to hear (1-2 min. biographies)
- Breakout sessions should be about 50 minutes (or shorter plus Q&A)

Four breakout sessions:

1. *Jerry* – doing a breakout session with a couple of students (*Karen* from *NWTC* & *Vanessa* from *WWTC*) on students’ biographies
2. *Paul Gabriel* – how taxes work with transfers and how taxes work with funding for our colleges
3. TABOR
4. *Hunter* – discussing stories about problems with transferability within the technical college system. He can then bring this issue up with the Board; he had no idea that this was as widespread of a problem as it is. He’d like everybody to **send him an e-mail at classic_locator@yahoo.com with their story in advance if possible.** He’ll try to bring a member of the Board with him to the seminar. **This session IS NOT to be brought up with our legislators; it needs to be handled within our own Board.**

Unfinished Business

- Correction: WSG as lobbying organization (**\$10 per year** to Wisconsin Ethics Board). We paid \$20 so are now registered for two years.

New Business

- After discussion on the issue, *WITC* made the motion to increase the amount for decorating/entertainment from \$800 to \$1000; 2nd by *Fox Valley*; passed unanimously.
- The addition of a second, non-traditional (24 or older) student to the Board would help avoid a lapse in representation and give another viewpoint to the Board. *Madison* made the motion to add this student; 2nd by *Western Wisconsin*; passed unanimously.

- **Menu for Seminar:** orange marmalade chicken, petite sirloin, or vegetarian.
(Each person needs to fill out a form when registering online).

Other Business

- *Vickie Young* concluded the meeting with a power point presentation on smoking.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m. (Motion by *Indianhead*; 2nd by *Madison*; passed unanimously.).

Next meeting is **Seminar** at Madison Technical College February 19th-21st;
next regular meeting is at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College April 7th & 8th.

Action Items

WSG Quilt: Any colleges who haven't sent or brought in t-shirts, send them ASAP to:
Linda Radomski, 2118 W. Ramsey Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53221

Today's Speakers

Joe Hegge, Vice President of Chippewa Valley Technical College

- Welcomed everybody
- Associate Degree was biggest part of his schooling, even more than Bachelor's Degree
- CVTC is fastest growing school in Wisconsin (10% this year – 400-500 full-time students, 33% since 2000) Reasons: good faculty, equipment, rooms, etc.
- Nano-science technology (new) 0-100 nano-meters (very small atomic level)
 - glass or paint that repairs itself & stain resistant cloth
- 500 students now enrolled that are planning to transfer to UW system

Linda Young, Transfer Coordinator at UW-Stout

- 25th year (21 years in Admissions, 8 years in Transfers)
- Each student is different and each college handles each case individually – no rule is black & white throughout
- Stout – ‘hands-on, minds-on’ approach; technology management fits well with technical colleges so credits transfer well
- If classes apply towards program, credits usually apply
- Some classes may need more breadth than technical college so they look at what student did; may need to do a bit extra independent study rather than retake entire course
- **Very important!** – In course work, syllabus given (hang on to this as it helps transfer to UW if necessary); may need other classes like calculus, macro-economics, natural science course or chemistry
- Get in touch with advisors to find out anything additional needed to get BA degree
- The more that technical colleges push for transferability, the more UW system will accept these courses and credits
- More UW systems are working to make transferability easier for technical students to receive “finishing degree” as these courses are college level and are seen as such
- Most Humanities (such as 2nd level English) lacking in technical colleges vs. UW colleges

www.uwsa.edu/tis (transfer information system)

- Course wizard or transfer wizard matching all courses (shows how gen. ed. courses apply to Stout); print this to keep as record of which courses transfer and how
- Some marketing courses are available here but e-mails are VERY helpful (keep them as they will be honored if different than online info.)

www.uwsa.edu/opar/jacap.htm (office of policy & research)

- Contact people if any difficulties with transfers
- Everything changes (courses, policies) all the time
- Residency policies – usually 32 credits to finish BA degree at UW college
- Attitudes are changing towards technical colleges
- Stout retention rate is higher for transfer students than freshmen as they know what they want by then
- State makes it more difficult for teaching degrees to transfer, not institutions
- Students should explain special circumstances so college will know (be your own advocate!)
- Allow portfolio review or test by exam

Hunter Oemig, Wisconsin Technical College System Student Representative

- 50/50 vote – Dick Chaney broke tie vote; 7 pages on technical colleges alone
- Increasing loan amount; cuts: default on loans – A&B classes government reimbursing less; new loans – was 8.6% but reduced to 6.8% (locked); \$500 more for Pell grants (doesn't really scratch surface)
- Students did block a lot of damage that could have occurred; **thanks for writing in**; proud that we helped prevent further losses (knocked down by \$10 billion – was \$50 billion, ended up \$40 billion)

Jerry O'Sullivan, Milwaukee Area Technical College

- Our work in Madison is far more important than Washington so keep up the good work there
- Planning a trip to Washington (ASACC) organized by MATC, Western Wisconsin attending also
- Suggested that we have an evaluation form available at the seminar, either at the end or at each breakout session (Jerry O'Sullivan, 414-456-5304, osullivj@matc.edu)