

## Wisconsin Student Government Meeting

### Minutes

July 11, 2003

President, Cherish Mudgett at 10:04 a.m., called the meeting to order.  
Location Western Wisconsin Technical College, Mauston Campus.

In attendance were the following Technical Colleges:

Blackhawk, Chippewa Valley, Madison Area, Milwaukee Area, Moraine Park, Northeast Wisconsin, Western Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Indianhead.

**Meeting Minutes** submitted by Amy Bodah from the April 4 and 5, 2003 meeting  
It was moved by Blackhawk Technical College, Sean Clark, seconded by Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Amber Pool to adopt the April minutes as submitted  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurers Report** submitted by Peter Heebink. A \$6643.14 balance was reported.  
It was moved by Western Wisconsin Technical College, Susan Ames, seconded by Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Amber Pool to approve the balance. Motion carried unanimously.

**Vice Presidents Report** - Dennis Barter.

- Thank you to Western Wisconsin Technical College for hosting this meeting.
- Dennis's College, Moraine Park, will host the October meeting.

**Presidents Report** – Cherish Mudgett

- Thank you to Western Wisconsin Technical College for hosting this meeting and to everyone in attendance.
- Remember that Dues are due at the October meeting.

**Budget Update** – Vice President, Dennis Barter

- The budget passed 17-16. There was a tie 16-16 with one abstain, they stayed up all night and the abstain vote changed. Most of it is good some is not so good. It is expected that the Governor will use his line item veto power. The current level of general aid will be maintained, no more cuts. There will be a three-year freeze on the property tax levy up to 2006. The Governor may line item veto this freeze. The staff budget cut by 10% will affect the state board. John Gard called for a major review of the WTCS by a special assembly taskforce. The taskforce includes Suzanne Jaskewitz (R-Menomonee Falls), Garey Bies (R-Sister Bay), Jeff Wood (R-Chippewa Falls), Charlie Most Jr. (Door County), Scott Stenger (Lobbyist), Dr. Rod Pasch (Fond du Lac), L. Anne Reid (West Bend), Joan Jenstead (Brookfield), Dr. Bill Inhlenfeldt (President, Chippewa Valley Technical College), and Paul Gabriel (Executive Director, Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association).
- Dennis stressed that we need to be advocates for the Technical College system.

**Text Book Update** – Secretary, Vickie Young

- Handouts were given on the search engine for finding textbooks on the internet. [www.bestwebbuys.com/books](http://www.bestwebbuys.com/books) was the sight that was focused on.

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- Vickie recommended that you know the policies of your college bookstore. You can use the ISBN number, title, or author to search for the best price on of your textbooks on the internet. Be sure you know what shipping and handling charges are. You can also sell these books back to the college bookstore if they have a book buy back and they are using them the next semester. The savings on used books can be substantial.
- It was recommended that a flyer be created to inform students of their options. It was also recommended that this be available on the WSG web page.
- There was a discussion on eliminating the tax on textbooks. With the budget deficit, this would be a very difficult issue to peruse.

### **Transferability of Credits Update** – President Cherish Mudgett

- On average only 15 general education credits will transfer into the University of Wisconsin System. The budget problems make this is a good year to push this issue. Why would a taxpayer want to pay for the same class twice?
- Milwaukee Area Technical College, Rafael Garcia suggested that we draft a bill.
- Blackhawk Technical College, Sean Clark we need to solve the problems we have within our system before we can expect legislators to support this legislation.
- Western Wisconsin Technical College, Susan Ames stated we need a unified message and that we should draft a letter to each college so we have a unified message.

### **Issues Discussion**

- Transferability of Credits is an issue.
- The review board was discussed. We will wait and see what happens.
- Budget? Is their anything we can do?
- Western Wisconsin Technical College, Susan Ames provided a copy of 2003 Assembly Bills Impacting WTCS. AB366 introduced by Albers, Gronemus, Johnsrud, Musser: Co-Sponsor – Schultz was discussed. This bill Requires UW Regents to accept all credit transferred within UW System and from technical college system.

It was moved by Milwaukee Area Technical College, Rafael Garcia seconded by Madison Area Technical College, Jessica Fleschmann to work on or with the the sponsors of AB366. Motion carried unanimously.

- Milwaukee Area Technical College, Rafael Garcia will draft a sample letter for writing a letter to legislators regarding AB366, tentative completion date of August 1, include on web page.
- It was suggested that thank you letters be sent to the bill sponsors, President Cherish Mudgett will draft and sent these letters.

### **Legislative Conference 2004 Committees**

- The duties of committees were described.
- It was suggested that we start volunteering for committees tomorrow so we can get a head start. Everyone was asked to think about which committees he or she would like to volunteer for tomorrow.

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**Web Site - [www.wsgtec.org](http://www.wsgtec.org)**

- The web site is currently being hosted on a private server. Access can only be through last years secretary. The site could be hosted at one of the technical colleges but this will not solve the access problem.
- It was suggested by Secretary, Vickie Young that webhost4life be contracted to host the web pages. Cost is a \$19.95 setup fee, \$4.95 per month. The pages will be able to stay in one spot and they will pass to the next secretary much easier.

It was moved by Madison Area Technical College, Jessica Fleschmann seconded by everyone to contract with webhost4life to host the web pages. Motion carried unanimously.

**Newsletter**

- President, Cherish Mudgett suggested that we try to get a newsletter together.

**For tomorrow July 11, 2003**

- Think about volunteering for a committee.
- Bring ideas for letters to the College Presidents

It was moved by Milwaukee Area Technical College, Rafael Garcia seconded by Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Amber Pool to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow by President, Cherish Mudgett.

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July 12, 2003

President, Cherish Mudgett at 9:05 a.m., called the meeting to order.  
Location Western Wisconsin Technical College, Mauston Campus.

In attendance were the following Technical Colleges:

Blackhawk, Chippewa Valley, Madison Area, Milwaukee Area, Moraine Park, Northeast Wisconsin, Western Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Indianhead.

John Broughton and Western Wisconsin Technical College were thanked for hosting the meetings.

### Issues Discussion

- It was suggested that we focus on the transferability of credits this also touches on the budget.

### Letters to Presidents

- Transfer of credits between the UW system and the Technical Colleges is a problem when the Technical Colleges will not transfer some credits between themselves. If we can help solve some of the problems we have within our own system this is a stepping stone to getting the UW system to transfer in more credits.
- Western Wisconsin Technical College, Susan Ames will draft a letter to the Technical Colleges. It was recommended that everyone email her with ideas. Susan's email is [wire26@aol.com](mailto:wire26@aol.com).

### Committees - Volunteers

- Printing – Madison Area Technical College
- Welcoming Table – Western Wisconsin Technical College
- Registration –
- Speakers – Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
- Decorations/Entertainment – Milwaukee Area Technical College
- Gift Baskets – Milwaukee Area Technical College
- Accessories – Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
- Resource Room – Blackhawk Technical College
- Position Papers –

It was recommended that these schools coordinate the committees and that every school should contribute what they can to each committee. All schools should work together to make it a great conference.

### Textbooks

- Discussion on the cost of new textbooks. For \$40,000 Ralph Nader will investigate the prices that the three publishing houses charge for textbooks. This is a nation wide drive. Anyone can contribute. They are asking that 40 schools sponsor at \$1,000 each. Contact John Broughton at [broughtonj@wwtc.edu](mailto:broughtonj@wwtc.edu) for more information

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**Alumni**

- Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Amber Pool suggested we start an Alumni group. Amber volunteered to help coordinate. It was recommended that Bill Mabrey and Susan Felt be contacted, they have already expressed an interest

**Student Representative to the Wisconsin Technical College System Board**

- One has not been appointed. A suggestion was made that each Governor contacts their college president and ask them to contact the Governors office. Individuals can also phone or write the appointment office. Contact information Office of the Governor, 115 East State Capitol, Madison, WI 53702, Phone: 608.266.1212 Fax 608.267.8983 (ask for the appointments office). web page <http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/>

**ASACC – American Association of Community Colleges**

- Milwaukee Area Technical College, Howard Davis who is also President of ASACC explained what ASACC does and the benefits of WSG joining as a charter member.
- Each institutional campus or unit with its own student government is eligible for ASACC membership. Annual dues are \$200 for a school, \$150 for a district (all campuses must join), \$100 for a state (majority of schools must join). Membership is good for 12 months and includes:
  - Campus Membership in ASACC
  - Registration discounts at all Leadership and Congressional Conferences sponsored by ASACC.
  - Membership for one advisor in ASACC's Advisor Institute (Additional members \$50)
  - Bi-Monthly ASACC Alert, ASACC's official newsletter.
  - Regular updates on legislation and issues that impact students.

It was moved by Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Amber Pool seconded by Milwaukee Area Technical College, Rafael Garcia that WSG should join. A discussion followed. The benefits were discussed. If WSG joins, the 16 Technical Colleges would not have to pay a membership fee. They would also still have one vote each. WSG would also have the opportunity to appoint someone to the Board. After discussion, the motion was tabled until the next meeting. Please discuss at each school.

**District Board – Student Representation**

- Should we pursue having legislation drafted that would provide a seat for a student with voting rights on each of the 16 Technical College boards?
- The review board will be looking at this issue. It was recommended that we wait and see what the review board recommends.

**Committees**

- President, Cherish Mudgett stated that after the Saturday agenda is completed this time has been allotted to work on committees.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. by President, Cherish Mudgett.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie Young, Secretary

Action Items

- flyer for purchasing books
- August 1 - sample letter for writing legislators regarding AB366, include on web page
- send thank you letters to AB366 sponsors, President, Cherish Mudgett
- move web pages
- Western Wisconsin Technical College, Susan Ames will draft a letter to the Technical Colleges re: Transferability of Credits and the problems within the Technical College system.
- ASACC membership discussion
- Contact College Presidents and Governors appointments office re: appointment of Student Representative to WTCS

Reminders

- Dues are due at the October 3 and 4 meeting at Moraine Park Technical College