

MINUTES OF MEETING
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS) BOARD
MAY 14, 2019
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM
4622 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
MADISON, WI

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Members Present: Caleb Frostman, Becky Levzow, W. Kent Lorenz, Terry McGowan, Rodney Pasch, John Schwantes, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Kelly Tourdot, S. Mark Tyler, Stephen Willett, Mary Williams.

Board Members Absent: Eve Hall.

System Office Staff Present: Terese Craig, Valerie Crespin Trujillo, Julie Drake, Morna Foy, Ben Konruff, Colleen Larsen, Colleen McCabe, Michelle Rudman, Dan Scanlon, Chrystal Seeley-Schreck, Karen Showers, Conor Smyth, Brandon Trujillo, Ann Westrich, Danika Woods, Jim Zylstra.

District/Others Present: Julie Furst-Bowe, Chippewa Valley Technical College; Carla Hedtke and Layla Merrifield, District Boards Association; Sharon Wendt, Department of Public Instruction; Susan May, Fox Valley Technical College; Bryan Albrecht and Joe Fullington, Gateway Technical College; Paul Carlsen, Lakeshore Technical College; Steven Ansoerge, Jack Daniels, Ethan Harrison, Jeff Molzahn, Tom Wozniak, Madison Area Technical College; Vicki Martin, Ginny Routhe, James Weishan, Milwaukee Area Technical College; Bonnie Baerwald, Moraine Park Technical College; Richard Nelson, Nicolet Area Technical College; Robert Elliott, Northcentral Technical College; Jeff Rafn, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College; Roger Stanford, Western Technical College; John Will, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College; Ann Ilagen, Wisconsin Student Government.

Board President Tyler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Julie Drake read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

Board President Tyler introduced Ann Ilagen from Mid-State Technical College, newly elected President for Wisconsin Student Government.

ITEM A: Approval of the March 19-20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Board Member Williams, seconded by Board Member Willett that the March 19-20, 2019 meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM B: Report of the Board President

Dr. Hall's Board of Regents report is in the Board folders for review.

The 2019 WTCS State Ambassador banquet took place on April 25 and was attended by several Board members. One student from each of Wisconsin's technical colleges was recognized at a formal banquet, sponsored by Baird.

Board Member McGowan arrived at 9:03 a.m.

ITEM C: Report of the System President

System President Foy congratulated Northeast Wisconsin Technical College President Jeff Rafn, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Vistage Worldwide, a peer mentoring organization for leaders in small to mid-size businesses.

Mid-State President Shelly Mondeik was recently awarded the Phi Theta Kappa 'Paragon Award', for new presidents. This award is based on showing strong support for student success by recognizing academic achievement, leadership and service among high-achieving students, nominated by the students on the campus.

Kaukauna and Mishicot High Schools were among eight nationally, that were recognized by Advanced CTE in April for programs that represent the best of Career and Technical Education, delivered in partnership with Northeast Wisconsin, Fox Valley and Lakeshore Technical Colleges.

State-level SkillsUSA competition took place April 30-May 1 in Madison. President Foy had the opportunity to welcome all attendees, with many WTCS students competing. Every two years, the U.S. sends top talent to compete in WorldSkills Competition. In August, a contingent from the U.S. will compete in Russia. Three of the 21 experts working with WorldSkills USA are Madison College instructors. Tom Wozniak, a heavy vehicle maintenance instructor, and Jeff Molzahn, a Cabinetmaking instructor, shared an overview of SkillsUSA and WorldSkills Competition. Ethan Harrison, an Idaho native who is being coached in cabinet making by instructor Molzahn, shared how he got involved in the program. He will be one of 22 students to compete in Russia.

ITEM D: Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association

Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association (DBA) Executive Director Layla Merrifield and Association President Carla Hedtke, an NWTC Trustee, updated the Board on recent activities.

The DBA Spring Meeting took place in Fond du Lac April 11-13, 2019 at Moraine Park Technical College. The meeting included In-Service training on Common Ground-Student Veterans, Student Mental Health Services, Achieving The Dream and Emergency Financial Assistance. The Marketing Consortium also provided an update to the Association. The meeting included a tour of Mercury Marine and the Board's 2019-2020 budget was approved by all 11 districts in attendance, reflecting a 2% increase over 2018-2019. Thanks to Board Members Pasch and Levzow for attending.

The July Board meeting will be Ms. Hedtke's last, with new officers elected in April taking office at the July DBA meeting. Vernon Jung from Moraine Park Technical College is the incoming President and will address the Board at the September meeting.

The DBA Summer Meeting will take place July 18-20, at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College - Rice Lake Campus.

ITEM E: WTCS Presidents' Association

Association President and Moraine Park Technical College President Bonnie Baerwald provided the Board with an update on recent activities. The Presidents' Association met twice since the March Board meeting. Currently their primary focus is the Governor's budget, legislative activity, dual-enrollment and credit transfer.

President Baerwald reported that this is her last report as Association President, with the new Chair being appointed in June.

ITEM F: Consent Agenda

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo summarized the District Boards appointment process.

It was moved by Board Member Willett, seconded by Board Member Schwantes that the Board approve the program development, facilities requests and annual district board appointments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM G: Milwaukee Area Technical College – Project Concept Review – Remodeling at the Mequon Campus

WTCS Facilities Director Dan Scanlon was joined by Milwaukee Area Technical College Facilities Planning, Construction and Sustainability Director Ginny Routhe and Senior Director Facilities James Weishan to request approval for remodeling at the Mequon Campus.

Board members had a number of questions for MATC staff. Board Members Willett and Lorenz expressed concerns related to operations and maintenance expenses, as well as environmental impact.

Ms. Routhe and Mr. Weishan will provide additional details when the final project is presented to the Board for approval.

It was moved by Board Member Pasch, seconded by Board Member McGowan that the Board accept the concept for Milwaukee Area Technical College's proposed remodeling in Mequon as reasonable. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM H: Perkins Grant Guidelines Modification

WTCS Provost and Vice President of Educational Services Colleen McCabe shared the modification to the Perkins Grant Guidelines, adding a new category to build equity and inclusion into career and technical education programming.

It was moved by Board Member Willett, seconded by Board Member Williams that the Board approve the additional funding category for the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V). Motion carried unanimously.

The Board took a short break and reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

Board Member Lezow left the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

ITEM I: Outcomes for 2018 WTCS Graduates

WTCS Associate Vice President of Student Success Terese Craig and WTCS Associate Vice President of Instruction Chrystal Seeley-Schreck shared an overview of the Outcomes for 2018 WTCS Graduates.

WTCS surveyed more than 25,000 2018 graduates, with 64 percent responding. Of those who responded and were in the labor force, 94 percent indicated they were employed within six months of graduation, including 79 percent who reported employment in a field directly related to their technical college program. The median starting salary for graduates for all degree types was \$40,245, and it was \$43,678 for graduates earning an Associate Degree.

The report also highlights that 18 percent of graduates were minorities, and 61 percent of 2018 graduates were women.

ITEM J: Teaching and Learning – Benefits of Dual Enrollment

WTCS Education Director for Performance Analysis/Continuous Improvement Ben Konruff and WTCS Education Director for Career Prep/K-12 Ann Westrich provided the Board with an overview of dual enrollment opportunities for the state's high school students. Over the past 10 years, the number of students earning dual credit has more than doubled, with more than 46,000 students earning dual credit in 2017-18.

ITEM K: Legislative Update

WTCS Executive Vice President Jim Zylstra was joined by Ms. Merrifield and WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo to provide the Board with an update on key legislative issues affecting the System.

The Joint Finance Committee will hold an executive session on Thursday, May 16. System President Foy, Mr. Zylstra, Mr. Trujillo and Ms. Merrifield will be at the Capitol. One provision of interest, related to Dual Enrollment programming, will be addressed when the Department of Public Instruction appears before the committee. Mr. Zylstra will share an update with the Board.

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo provided a federal update.

Board Member Frostman left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

ITEM L: Announcements/Adjourn

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is July 9-10, 2019 at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay. Ms. Drake will send a meeting notice.

It was moved by Board Member Tourdot, seconded by Board Member Schwantes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Drake
Recording Secretary