

**MINUTES OF MEETING
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS) BOARD
SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2021
MADISON AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Members Present: Megan Bahr, Douglas Holton, Sr., Becky Lezvow, John W. Miller, Rodney Pasch, Amy Pechacek, Kelly Tourdot, S. Mark Tyler, Jill Underly, Stephen Willett, Mary Williams.

Members Absent: Quincey Daniels, Jr., Terry McGowan.

System Office Staff Present: Julie Drake, Morna Foy, Stephanie Glynn, Colleen Larsen, Colleen McCabe, Cristina Parente (virtual), Katie Roberts, Conor Smyth, Brandon Trujillo, Jim Zylstra.

District/Others Present: Tracy Pierner, Blackhawk Technical College; Sunem Beaton-Garcia, Chippewa Valley Technical College; Betty Bruski Mallek, Layla Merrifield (virtual), District Boards Association; Chris Matheny, Fox Valley Technical College; Bryan Albrecht, Gateway Technical College; Paul Carlsen, Lakeshore Technical College; Turina Bakken, Tim Casper, Jessica Cioci, Jack Daniels, III, Donna Jost, Lucía Nuñez, Kristin Rolling, Mark Westenberg, Madison Area Technical College; Shelly Mondeik, Chris Severson, Mid-State Technical College; Kate Ferrel, Nicolet Area Technical College; Jeannie Worden, Northcentral Technical College; John Will, Northwood Technical College; Roger Stanford, Western Technical College; Sharon Wendt, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction; Dan Herder, Wisconsin Student Government; R. Paul Buhr (Rabur Holsteins), Dan Klecker (Foundation of Wisconsin Automobile & Truck Dealers), Sara Rogers (Employ Milwaukee), WTCS Board Appointees.

Board President Pasch called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm. Julie Drake read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

Board President Pasch welcomed Megan Bahr, who will be serving as the student member of the WTCS Board through May 2023.

Board President Pasch introduced WTCS Board Nominees R. Paul Buhr, Rabur Holsteins; Dan Klecker, Foundation of Wisconsin Automobile & Truck Dealers; and Sara Rogers, Employ Milwaukee.

Board Member Willett joined the meeting.

President Pasch introduced and recognized Dan Herder of Wisconsin Student Government (WSG), who joined the meeting on behalf of WSG.

Board President Pasch thanked President Dr. Jack Daniels and his team for hosting the WTCS Board. Dr. Daniels welcomed the Board to Madison College's Goodman South Campus.

ITEM A: Approval of July 13-14, 2021, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Board Member Tyler, seconded by Board Member Tourdot, that the July 13-14, 2021, meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Williams joined the meeting.

ITEM B: 2022-2023 Board Meeting Schedule

It was moved by Board Member Lezow, seconded by Board Member Tyler to adopt the WTCS Board meeting schedule for 2022-2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM C: Report of the Board President

Board Member Miller's Board of Regents reports for June and July were included in the Board folders for review.

Board Member Bahr joined the meeting.

ITEM D: Report of the System President

System President Foy shared an update on the System's Commitment to Progress.

- Gateway Technical College's Law Enforcement Academy now includes implicit-bias awareness training, community outreach and new simulation equipment to help officers develop de-escalation skills.
- In August, the Working as One series was held, aimed to convene stakeholders from across the WTCS to: examine data and identify and address gaps in student success for underrepresented populations; share and encourage adoption of best student support practices from state and national leaders; contribute to a System-wide culture of inclusion by networking across functions; and cross-train college and System staff in strategies to meet the needs of students who face multiple barriers to success.
- A team from WTCS represented Wisconsin over the past year as one of ten National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) member states, working together to transform postsecondary career and technical education (CTE) by applying an equity lens to Wisconsin's Perkins V Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment.
- On October 1, and October 15, WTCS, UW System and the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) will again offer no-cost Equity in the Classroom professional development for faculty members in all three systems, as well as Wisconsin's tribal colleges.
- A cross-college team that includes Dr. Hilary Barker, WTCS Education Director for Performance Analysis/Continuous Improvement, has planned a System-wide Open Educational Resources (OER) Symposium that will take place the end of October. The symposium will include an introduction to OER, as well as in-depth content to support faculty members ready to identify, adopt, adapt and teach with relevant OER content.
- The 2021 System-wide Equity Report should be published in time for the November Board meeting.

Rebuilding America's Middle Class (RAMC), a national coalition of community colleges, for which System President Foy is a Board member, is advocating for Workforce Pell. This would expand Pell Grant eligibility for short-term occupational training programs, for which students are not currently eligible for Pell Grants.

Secretary Dawn Crim, Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS), visited Western Technical College in late August to talk to college leaders about their Military Medic to RN crosswalk, tour the college's Veteran center and Nursing/EMS labs, and talk to their Fire staff and the Onalaska Chief about the dual enrollment program happening with Onalaska Fire. That dual enrollment program

will serve students from four different high schools including, Mauston, Westby, La Crosse Central and Onalaska, and offer Emergency Medical Responder and Firefighter I training/certification.

ITEM E: Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association

Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association (DBA) President and Mid-State Trustee Betty Bruski Mallek updated the Board on recent activities.

The Summer quarterly DBA meeting was held July 15-17, with presentations focused on presidential evaluations and legislative updates. The 2021 Technical Education Champion Award was presented to Frito Lay, Beloit.

The DBA Annual planning meeting took place August 20-21. A focus in the coming year will be reviewing and revising the DBA mission and vision statements.

The Fall Legal Issues Seminar will be held in a virtual format October 28-29, 2021.

The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) conference will be held in San Diego, California, October 13-16, with the focus on Advancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Madison, Lakeshore and Gateway technical colleges will be presenting.

ITEM F: WTCS Presidents' Association

Dr. Roger Stanford, President of Western Technical College and of the Association, provided a brief update on recent activities of the Association.

For the first time since early 2020, the Presidents' Association met face-to-face and welcomed five new presidents to the System. A formal mentor program was created, where an experienced president was assigned to each new president to share tips and challenges. Additionally, a brief overview of System structures was shared for the benefit of all presidents (State Grants, Outcomes Based Funding, Purchasing Consortium, Ambassador Program, WISPALS, Marketing Consortium, DMI, Insurance Trust, WLDI, Boards Association and WTCEBC Health Care Consortium).

The presidents' association priorities include continued work on transfer; Associate of Arts and Associate of Science (AA/AS) partnerships with UW and WAICU schools; commitment on workforce diversity; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion commitments; and Department of Corrections partnerships.

The Presidents' Association reaffirmed its commitment to collaborate as 16 colleges to work together for students, employees, communities and employers.

ITEM G: Teaching and Learning – Early Childhood Education and Supporting Students who Parent

WTCS Education Directors Stephanie Glynn and Katie Roberts were joined by Madison College Interim Dean Jessica Cioci and Early Learning Center Director Donna Jost in providing an overview of the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program offered by Wisconsin's technical colleges.

Staffing shortages across the state have resulted in expanded childcare deserts, waitlists that extend 6-12 months, and closing of classrooms or entire centers. There is not enough care or access to care to meet the workforce demand. Early childhood programs are a critical aspect of economic development. COVID has made it abundantly clear: ECE providers are essential workers and ECE need to be a national priority.

Madison College's Early Learning Campus provides essential early care and education for Madison College's youngest learners, open to pre-kindergarten children (ages 6 weeks – 5 years) of Madison College students, faculty and staff. Enrolled children grow and learn in a safe and nurturing environment and are encouraged to experience the world around them. All classrooms foster growth in social, emotional, physical, self-help, cognitive and early literacy/math skills. A campus-based daycare offers more flexibility than community-based daycare facilities.

Board Member Pechacek shared that applications are open for grants up to \$10 million to local and regional projects that will help meet the state's next-generation workforce needs. These grants will enable communities to develop long-term solutions so businesses can find workers and workers can connect to jobs. Governor Evers \$100 million in Workforce Innovation Grants, awarding a minimum of 10 grants up to \$10 million each are aimed at the heart of the issue.

System President Foy thanked Roberts and Board members Mark Tyler and Jill Underly, who serve as members of the Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC).

It was moved by Board Member Williams, seconded by Board Member Pechacek, to recess the meeting until Wednesday, September 15, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 5:46 pm.

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Members Present: Megan Bahr, Douglas Holton, Sr., Becky Lezow, John W. Miller, Rodney Pasch, Kelly Tourdot, S. Mark Tyler, Jill Underly, Stephen Willett, Mary Williams.

Members Absent: Quincey Daniels, Jr., Terry McGowan, Amy Pechacek.

System Office Staff Present: Monique Currie, Julie Drake, Morna Foy, Tou Ya Khang, Colleen McCabe, Dan Scanlon, Chrystal Seeley-Schreck, Conor Smyth, Brandon Trujillo, Jim Zylstra.

District/Others Present: Sunem Beaton-Garcia, Chippewa Valley Technical College; Betty Bruski Mallek, Layla Merrifield, District Boards Association; Bryan Albrecht, Gateway Technical College; Turina Bakken, Elton J. Crim, Jr, Jack Daniels, III, Lucía Nuñez, Luciana Reichel, Mark Westenberg, Madison Area Technical College; Shelly Mondeik, Chris Severson, Mid-State Technical College; Kate Ferrel, Nicolet Area Technical College; Jeannie Worden, Northcentral Technical College; John Will, Northwood Technical College; Sharon Wendt, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction; Dan Herder, Wisconsin Student Government; R. Paul Buhr (Rabur Holsteins), Dan Klecker (Foundation of Wisconsin Automobile & Truck Dealers), Sara Rogers (Employ Milwaukee), WTCS Board Appointees.

Board President Pasch called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Julie Drake read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

ITEM H: Consent Agenda

It was moved by Board Member Williams, seconded by Board Member Tourdot that the Board approve the program development, facilities requests and interim board appointments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Underly asked with which four-year partners Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is working to offer the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science (AA/AS) Degrees. NTC President Jeannie Worden explained that they are pursuing a partnership with Purdue Global, which provides the

flexibility of online learning, awards scholarships for transfer students, and offers Junior standing and credit for prior learning. Worden also noted that NTC has significant employer support for offering AA/AS degrees that would advance recruitment and retention efforts within their organizations.

Board Member Underly asked President Worden if NTC is also working with UW-Stevens Point. President Worden reported that she recently had a conversation with the new UW-Stevens Point Chancellor. Discussions with the prior Chancellor had not produced interest or support. Underly encouraged continued conversations with UW-Stevens Point to partner with NTC to offer students as many options as possible.

System President Foy noted that while only one four-year partner is required for Board approval, discussions with additional partners following Board approval is typical and encouraged.

ITEM I: Workforce Advancement Training (WAT) and Apprenticeship Grant Guidelines and Integrated Education and Training (IET) Development and Expansion Grant Guidelines

WTCS Grants Manager Tou Ya Khang provided an overview of the State of Wisconsin WAT and Apprenticeship grant guidelines for fiscal year 2022-2023, which operate on a different timeline than the state and federal guidelines approved at the July 2021 meeting.

The IET Development and Expansion Grant is a new state grant category with a service approach that combines three things: adult education and literacy activities; workforce preparation activities; and workforce training, together in a way to prepare students for a specific occupation or occupation cluster for the purpose of educational and career advancement.

It was moved by Board Member Lezvow, seconded by Board Member Willett to adopt the funding categories of the State of Wisconsin Workforce Advancement Training and Apprenticeship-Related Instruction grant programs for 2022-2023 and the Integrated Education and Training Development and Expansion Grant Guidelines for fiscal year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM J: Legislative Update

WTCS Policy Advisor Monique Currie provided a Federal update.

U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cordona and Senator Baldwin, visited Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College in August and praised the two-year school's quality education and low costs, calling it a model for others.

ITEM N: Announcements/Adjourn

The next meeting of the Board will be held in-person November 9-10, at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College in Fennimore.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Drake