

Minutes of Meeting

Wisconsin Technical College System Board
May 19, 2009
WTCS System Office
Madison, WI

Members Present:

Elizabeth Burmaster
Mary Quinnette Cuene
Stan Davis
Terry Erickson
Roberta Gassman
Ann Greenheck
Phil Neuenfeldt
Michael Rosen
Brent Smith
Mark Tyler
Jose Vasquez

Members Absent:

Vanessa Pickar

System Office Staff Present:

Dan Clancy, Kathy Cullen, Morna Foy, Donna Jordan, Jim Zylstra, Willa Panzer, Annette Severson, Conor Smyth, Janet Washbon, Bob Dimperio, Valerie Payne, Kelly Shisler,

District/Others Present:

Lori Weyers, Northcentral Technical College
Bettsey Barhorst, Madison Area Technical College
Mike Pieper, Western Technical College
Dan Seidl, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
Zina Haywood, Gateway Technical College
Kaylin Betzig, Waukesha County Technical College
Joe Lowndes, AFT-Wisconsin, Madison Area Technical College
Paul Gabriel, District Boards Association
John Lukas, District Boards Association
Justin Wheelock, Wisconsin Student Government
Eric Gage, Wisconsin Student Government
Dave Carle, Wisconsin Student Government
Rachel Weyers, Wisconsin Student Government
Dennis Rhodes, Department of Administration
Sharon Wendt, Department of Public Instruction
Larry Rubin, UW System
Gail Bergman, UW System
Yufeng Duan, UW System

Board President Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Donna Jordan read the following open meeting statement: "The May 19, 2009, meeting of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, and all other meetings of this Board, are open to the public in compliance with state statute. Notice of the meeting has been sent to the press in an attempt to make the general public of Wisconsin aware of the time, place, and agenda of the meeting."

Roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

It was moved by Board Member Cuene, seconded by Board Member Tyler, that the March 24-25, 2009, Board minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Welcome/Report of the Board President

Board President Smith recognized Rachel Weyers, outgoing President of Wisconsin Student Government (WSG). Ms. Weyers introduced the new officers: President Justin Wheelock from Northwest Wisconsin Technical College, Vice President Eric Gage from Fox Valley Technical College, and Administrative Financial Officer Dave Carle from Chippewa Valley Technical College.

Board President Smith noted that later in the meeting he would be presenting further recognitions of service.

B. Report of the System President

System President Clancy noted that Morna Foy had previously sent a summary of the actions taken by the Joint Committee on Finance on April 29th. He thanked all WTCS partners for their outstanding efforts in promoting the System's 2009-2011 budget package. Many contacts were made with key legislative members who resulted in positive increases for the System. The team efforts of all partners were certainly a major factor in the outcomes realized.

System President Clancy provided an update on the Joyce Foundation *Shifting Gears* initiative. He noted that an initial grant of \$1 million was provided by the Joyce Foundation to assist in developing a career pathways model for the state. System President Clancy thanked DWD Secretary Roberta Gassman for securing an additional two-year grant from the Joyce Foundation which will focus on implementation of the policy action plans. Wisconsin hosted a five-state meeting in late April to share best practices and to talk about next steps. Further information will be provided to the Board at the June meeting on how the *Shifting Gears* initiative ties into other System programs.

A report entitled, *WTCS Achieves Costs Savings and Other Efficiencies*, which outlines various steps taken by the colleges to be more cost efficient was provided in Board member folders. System President Clancy noted that many of the efforts are in joint purchasing, in the energy and utilities area, and in program sharing across the System. He noted that colleges do

share their best practices through a variety of groups such as the Presidents Association monthly meetings, Instructional Services and Student Services Administrators quarterly meetings, and through the Purchasing Consortium. President Clancy thanked Conor Smyth of the System Office staff for gathering the information from the colleges.

C. WTCS Presidents Association

Dr. Lori Weyers, President of Northcentral Technical College, presented an update on the recent activities of the Presidents Association. At the last meeting, a lot of discussion centered around the need to work collaboratively with the local Workforce Development Boards on a regional basis. The challenges facing most technical colleges are the large increases in enrollments and the increased services provided to dislocated workers. It is critically important that the colleges receive the full cost recovery of serving the dislocated workers rather than only the tuition cost which covers only a small portion of the total program costs. It is critical that the Department of Workforce Development provide the necessary oversight in how these federal dollars are distributed through the workforce development boards.

President Weyers stated that during budget deliberations by the Joint Committee on Finance there seemed to be a great deal of support for the role the Technical College System is playing in revitalizing the economy by serving the dislocated workers and getting them back to work. However, there is some concern that many legislators believe that it is the role of the University to determine the future direction for the state's workforce and not the role of the Technical College System. The important role the Technical College System plays in addressing the future needs of the state's workforce is one area that needs to be addressed through the advocacy efforts of all System partners throughout the year and not only at budget time. There are still misperceptions by some legislators on how the colleges are involved at the local level. These misperceptions must be changed and best practices must be shared. The message needs to get out there on the kinds of programs and activities offered by the Technical College System that support the state's future workers.

Board Member Gassman expressed her thanks to the Presidents for all their work in advocating for the importance of student credentials. She noted that the Joyce Foundation has provided funds for DWD and the WTCS to work collaboratively in implementing career pathways for all students. The *Skills to Compete* national organization is very active in other states in doing public awareness campaigns on the importance of all workers having at least two years of education and training past high school. Through the Joyce Foundation grant, Wisconsin will be working with this organization to promote more advocacy campaigns in Wisconsin as well.

President Weyers thanked Board Member Gassman for her support on the credentialing issue. It is difficult to understand why this concept is not sinking in. The Presidents want a voice of their own on what we are dealing with every day.

Board Member Neuenfeldt stated that it is a mistake to think that legislators understand labor market information and the importance of training for the future. It is difficult for them to understand why monies should be put into training if no jobs are currently available. While the

College Presidents and others can advocate for additional funds, what needs to be heard is how the local businesses and industries and unions are working with the colleges at the local level and what successes are being made. This needs to be a separate message which speaks to the strong and positive working relationships at the local level.

Board Member Vasquez stated that both current and past students can show a strong positive influence with legislators by talking about how they have benefitted from a technical college education. This is clearly evident as demonstrated by Wisconsin Student Government's involvement during the current budget process. Another area that needs to be communicated to legislators is that the University System is not the only educational system in the state to be involved in research activities. The Technical College System is involved in applied research that has an immediate impact on the state's economy.

Board Member Rosen stated that hundreds of letters were sent to the Governor and legislators from employers across the state in support of the Technical College System and the services it provides to the local communities and citizens. It is important to bring all parties to the table, including students and faculty, to come to a consensus on how to respond to issues of importance to all. In reference to the concerns expressed about working with the local workforce development boards, Milwaukee Area Technical College is working with the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board to cooperatively sign a Memorandum of Understanding so the college is not competing with other agencies to provide the services and training required for the dislocated workers.

President Weyers stated that the Presidents are concerned with the proposed Request for Proposal (RFP) process and the preferred training provider issues being discussed by the local workforce development boards. There needs to be additional clarification provided to the local colleges and the workforce development boards.

System President Clancy stated that System Office staff have had recent conversations with DWD staff regarding the issues of contract training and the competitive bidding process. The language contained in the ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) guidelines is not straightforward.

Board Member Gassman stated that guidance has gone out to the local workforce development boards that it is a top priority to work with the technical colleges to provide the services and training. The strong partnerships that have already been developed are extremely important and need to be maintained.

President Weyers expressed concern that there may be different interpretations at the local level in how the process should work. It is important to note that the colleges receive no tuition or fees for basic education or remedial programs, and therefore support for these services must be provided as well. This is a very challenging time for all colleges to find the resources necessary to provide the services being requested by the dislocated workers.

Other issues recently discussed by the Presidents include how to best train technicians for jobs that currently don't exist, working collaboratively to secure federal stimulus dollars, and job placement for graduates during this economic downturn. UW System President Kevin Riley will

be meeting with the Presidents at the June retreat in Rhinelander to share his views on transfer, UWS involvement in occupational and certification training, trends in higher education, on-line and distance education, student preparedness for the higher education experience, and the role, responsibility and future of the two-year college/extension system. Other agenda items for that meeting include further discussion of the advocacy issue, updates on federal stimulus projects, minority student success, and WTCS certification for high school teachers.

D. WTC District Boards Association

Association President John Lukas provided a brief summary of the District Boards Association spring meeting held on April 24-25th at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton. He noted that Jean Trempe of Northcentral was elected as the new Association President, Pat Costello of Mid-State as Vice President, and Russ Moyer of Southwest Wisconsin as Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Lukas thanked Board Member Roberta Gassman for her presentation on collaborative efforts between the local workforce development boards and the technical colleges. He noted that Association members heard a panel discussion of local workforce development board members. It was brought out during those discussions that many technical colleges are required to work with more than one local workforce development board. This can be confusing with the different entities competing for the same dollars. The Association's summer meeting will be held on July 17-18th in Green Bay. Marion Carver will be presenting a session on policy governance. Mr. Lukas stated that the success realized from the Joint Committee on Finance actions certainly were a result of the unified and supportive Systemwide partnerships which have been developed. All partners are to be commended for their hard work during this budget process.

Paul Gabriel, Executive Director, stated that as the fiscal conditions of the state have become tougher, greater attention is being focused on property taxes, both at the state and local levels. With this increased attention, also comes the potential danger of local government competition and challenges. Two hearings were held in Milwaukee yesterday addressing elected technical college boards. There was great support for the current district/state technical college governance model at those hearings, but this model will continue to come under scrutiny at all levels with the increased sensitivity to property tax levies.

Board Member Rosen commended Mr. Gabriel for his testimony at the Milwaukee hearings. While the governance issue could percolate up as a tax levy issue, it was Board Member Rosen's feeling that there were political motivations behind the elected board discussions at the hearings. The motion brought up at the county board meeting was referred back to staff for further analysis and information. There doesn't seem to be any clear or consistent vision for support of elected boards.

E. Transfer Between the Wisconsin Technical College System and the University of Wisconsin System, 2007-08

Mary Jane Best, Education Director for General Education, stated that the University of Wisconsin (UW) System and the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) are strong

partners in making the transferability of credits as visible as possible to all students. Transfer information is readily accessible on both the UW and WTCS websites, as well as links to individual college websites. Dr. Best noted that the materials presented focus on students transferring to the WTCS, with an emphasis on UW students. The data provided is a 10 year perspective ending with the 2007-08 current year. In 2007-08, 8,641 students transferred credit into and within the WTCS, with 45% of those students coming from the UW System. All technical colleges are receiving UW transfer credits, with the largest number transferring to Fox Valley, Madison Area and Milwaukee Area Technical Colleges. The largest number of UW students coming to the WTCS are from UW Colleges. The total number of credits transferred from the UW System was 48,795, or on the average of 13 credits per student. Most credits are in the general education area, but there has been an increase in the transfer of occupational credits as well. Other highlighted data included: average student age at enrollment, race or ethnicity, and educational attainment of transferring students. In summary, Dr. Best noted that the transferability of credits will continue to be expected by all students. They are moving their credits from institution to institution as they move through their education and career pathways. Both the UW and the WTC Systems remain committed to providing Wisconsin residents with postsecondary transfer opportunities by exploring logical transfer patterns, such as in the areas of engineering, social justice, health care and other natural connections.

Board Member Erickson asked what percentage of students who graduate from the WTCS transfer credits from the UW System. Dr. Best indicated that this type of information is currently not tracked.

Janet Washbon, Associate Vice President, provided a report on WTCS students who transfer credit to the UW System. She noted that the transfer of credit has been a State Board priority for the past 20 years. While the focus of the WTCS remains on occupational preparation, an increase in transfer opportunities highlights the fact that career and technical education is not a dead end, but part of a student's path to lifelong learning. Students come and go, take courses, experience education in a swirling fashion and students need various opportunities to pursue their own career path. Dr. Washbon reported that of the 13,641 students transferring to UW institutions, 2,908 (21%) come from the WTCS. Over the last 10 years, WTCS transfers have grown by one-third. This is a reflection of the policies and procedures in place at the UW System which have improved transfer opportunities and made transfers more transparent, a benefit to both the UW System and the WTCS. Most WTCS transfer students are going to UW Milwaukee or UW Colleges. Forty percent of the WTCS students transferring into the UW System come from Milwaukee Area Technical College and Madison Area Technical College. The WTCS serves as the major source of minority students entering the UW System. The WTCS transfer students are in the over 25 age group, which is nontraditional for students entering the UW System. Most WTCS transfer students will be attending part-time. It is likely that most will transfer as freshmen or sophomores, with only 24 percent entering as juniors or seniors into the UW System. It was noted that the larger number of credits that a WTCS student has when transferring to the UW System has a higher impact on whether the student enters on a part-time or full-time basis. The average first year Grade Point Average (GPA) for WTCS students is 2.8 percent, with the overall GPA of 2.9% for all UW students. In regard to the percent returning for the second year, 68% of the WTCS transfer students return, compared with an overall average for all UW students of 74 percent. Forty-two percent of WTCS students graduate within six years as compared to the overall rate of 58 percent for all UW students. Dr.

Washbon noted that this is likely because WTCS students are older, most attend college on a part-time basis, and tend to have more family responsibilities than the typical UW System student.

Dr. Washbon noted that conclusions indicate that the WTCS continues to be a major source of new transfer students to the UW System, particularly students of color and nontraditional students. Concerns about the number of credits, particularly occupational program credits, and the persistence of WTCS students in obtaining their baccalaureate degree remain. Some things which have been implemented to try to resolve these issues include providing better information for students through the joint Transfer Information System (TIS), joint enrollment programs, i.e., the UW Connections program, a continued need for more System to System agreements, expansion of Engineering degree programs, and increasing the number of credits students can transfer.

Board Member Vasquez asked whether information is available relating to what types of programs WTCS students are going into. Are more students pursuing a liberal arts education or are they transferring credits into professional degree programs, such as engineering? One area to be reviewed might be whether it would be helpful for WTCS students to receive more assistance so they are better prepared to get their four-year degree. Dr. Washbon stated that this type of information is currently not available. However, an articulation study prepared by the UW System showed that the majority of WTCS students entering the UW System do not declare their program intent.

Board Member Rosen stated that it is important to note that more UW students transfer to the Technical College System than WTCS students going to the UW System. The data indicates that a large number of UW students come to the WTCS for occupational training.

Board Member Cuene stated that the transferability of credits between Systems has always been of great importance to her. Students expect that their credits will transfer. While there is still more work to be done, significant progress has been made over the past several years. This is due in a large part to the strong leadership at the System levels as well as at the college levels. Based on last year's increase in UW students coming to the WTCS, the Technical College System is helping UW students get jobs. The number of WTCS minority students transferring their credits to the UW System is an excellent example of how both Systems can benefit.

Board Member Vasquez asked whether data was available to assess whether WTCS transferring to the UW System have completed their technical college degree program. Also, for students who do not complete a baccalaureate degree program, have they gained the employable skills they were seeking? Dr. Washbon stated that approximately 90 percent of WTCS students are employed while pursuing their degree and many are attending part-time due to family or other obligations. It is likely that many of these students are attending the UW System to receive the credentials necessary to advance into higher level positions.

Board President Smith called for a 10 minute break.

Board President Smith stated that the Board would like to recognize Board Member and State Superintendent Libby Burmaster for her contributions to the State Board and especially for her service to the K-12 students of Wisconsin. Board Member Burmaster's passion for the young people of the state is truly one of her outstanding characteristics. Board President Smith read the Certificate of Commendation presented on behalf of the Board.

System President Clancy thanked Superintendent Burmaster for her 8 years of service to the citizens of the state as State Superintendent. He also thanked her for taking on a leadership role of the PK-16 Council in order to provide the students and citizens of the state with a seamless educational system. Working with Superintendent Burmaster at the Department of Public Instruction will certainly be missed, but it will be a pleasure to work with Libby as she takes on her new role as President of Nicolet Area Technical College.

Board Member Burmaster thanked the Board and staff for the Commendation and for their kind comments. She stated that she is very passionate about the work she has undertaken during her 34 years serving in the K-12 System. But because she has always been a lifelong learner, she was also inspired by the high rigor of content and application of postsecondary education to the world of work. Superintendent Burmaster stated that she is looking forward to working with the Board and System Office staff in another capacity, and looks forward to being involved in the challenges that lie ahead for the System and the Colleges.

F. Consent Agenda Items

Board Member Rosen asked that the Program Scope Proposal for Waukesha County Technical College for a Web & Digital Media Design program be acted upon separately from other Consent Agenda items.

It was moved by Board Member Rosen, seconded by Board Member Vasquez, that, upon the recommendation of the Wisconsin Technical College System President, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves the program development, modification and discontinuances requests, with the exception of the Program Scope Proposal for a Web & Digital Media Design program for Waukesha County Technical College; the facilities development requests; and the FY 2009-10 General Purpose Revenue School-to-Work for At-Risk Youth grant, with the exception of the requests affecting Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, as presented.

It was moved by Board Member Vasquez, seconded by Board Member Tyler, that, upon the recommendation of the Wisconsin Technical College System President, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's program development and discontinuances requests and facilities development requests as presented.

Program Development, Modification and Discontinuances

<u>College</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
Fox Valley	Safety Engineering Technology	Program Scope Proposal
Gateway	Diesel Equipment Technology	Program Scope Proposal
Gateway	Diesel Equipment Mechanic	Program Scope Proposal
Milwaukee Area	Sustainable Facility Operations	Program Scope Proposal
Northeast Wisconsin	Energy Management Technician	Program Scope Proposal
Wisconsin Indianhead	Energy Efficiency Technician	Program Scope Proposal
Blackhawk	Phlebotomy Technician	Program Proposal
Madison Area	Physical Therapist Assistant	Program Proposal
Milwaukee Area	Baking & Pastry Arts	Program Proposal
Southwest Wisconsin	Physical Therapist Assistant	Program Proposal
Waukesha County	Maintenance Technician Apprentice	Program Proposal
Chippewa Valley	Geographic Information Systems Technician	Program Discontinuance
Fox Valley	Quality Management – International Student	Program Discontinuance
Fox Valley	Industrial Engineering Technician	Program Discontinuance
Fox Valley	Materials Planning & Control Technician	Program Discontinuance
Fox Valley	Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate	Program Discontinuance
Gateway	Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic	Program Discontinuance
Gateway	Applied Engineering Technology	Program Discontinuance
Gateway	Mechanical & Computer Drafting	Program Discontinuance
Lakeshore	Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate	Program Discontinuance
Milwaukee Area	Plastics Technology	Program Discontinuance
Moraine Park	Radiation Therapist	Program Discontinuance
Northeast Wisconsin	Agri-Business/Science Technology	Program Discontinuance
Northeast Wisconsin	Laboratory Technician	Program Discontinuance
Northeast Wisconsin	Weld Inspection	Program Discontinuance
Northeast Wisconsin	Automotive Maintenance Technician	Program Discontinuance
Northeast Wisconsin	Industrial Vehicle Technician	Program Discontinuance
Southwest Wisconsin	Dietary Manager	Program Discontinuance
Southwest Wisconsin	Electronics	Program Discontinuance
Western	Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate	Program Discontinuance
Wisconsin Indianhead	Graphic Design	Program Discontinuance
Wisconsin Indianhead	Instructional Assistant Associate Degree	Program Discontinuance

Facilities Development Requests

Lakeshore Technical College – Remodeling at the Cleveland Campus to relocate the Data Center at a cost of \$250,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of the automotive laboratory and welding laboratory on the Green Bay Campus at costs of \$175,000 and \$549,000 respectively.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of the automotive laboratory on the Marinette Campus at a cost of \$140,000.

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of science laboratory on the Fennimore Campus at a cost of \$375,000.

Waukesha County Technical College – Remodeling of offices for Student Services on the Pewaukee Campus at a cost of \$400,000.

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College – Rental of facilities in Spooner at an annual cost of \$8,484.

FY 2009-10 General Purpose Revenue Project

<u>College</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Milwaukee Area Workforce Development Board	Jobs for America’s Graduates	\$285,000

Motion #1 above carried unanimously.

Motion #2 above carried, Board Member Cuene abstained.

Program Scope Proposal – Web & Digital Media Design - Waukesha County Technical College

Board Member Rosen indicated that he had received communication from both Milwaukee Area Technical College and Madison Area Technical College that the Web & Digital Media Design program being requested by Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) is very similar to the programs being offered by the above two colleges. The concern expressed was that the demand for program graduates may not be sufficient to support three separate programs in the state. Before this program moves forward, there needs to be conversations between the three affected colleges on the real need for this program. He expressed concern that this may be setting up one program to undermine another college. If the market is flooded with graduates, this depresses the wages.

Annette Severson, Associate Vice President, stated that this is the Scope phase for the Web & Digital Media Design program. In the next step of the Program Approval Process, the

Program Proposal phase, WCTC is required to talk with other colleges who offer similar programs. This phase will detail the need for the program and whether it is viable to move forward.

Board Member Vasquez asked if the Board approves this request, does the program automatically come back to the Board for approval.

Kathleen Cullen stated that the Program Approval Process was changed about a year ago to address concerns such as these. The Program Scope is the first phase of the purpose where a district expresses an interest in offering a program. Ms. Cullen stated that because there has been some concern expressed by other colleges about the WCTC proposed program, the proposal will be taken to the Instructional Services Administrators at their next meeting to be held in July. Also, System Office staff will contact WCTC and indicate that these concerns have been brought up and need to be addressed. Morna Foy stated that by passing the WCTC Program Scope request, System Office staff will get more involved in the process and work with the colleges on their expressed concerns.

Board Member Rosen asked whether there was another way to do this before WCTC had to go through all the work. Ms. Foy stated that a demand and needs analysis review is part of the Program Approval process. A needs demonstration will have to be undertaken by WCTC. Colleges that have data on their similar programs should share it with WCTC. A lot of work is required of the colleges during the Proposal Approval steps because it is important that program graduates will be placed. The process has been successful in the past.

Board Member Rosen asked what would happen if WCTC indicates there is a need for the program and other colleges disagree. Ms. Cullen stated that this has happened in the past. The Instructional Services Administrators will discuss the issue in-depth. A program outcomes step may need to be included.

Board Member Davis stated that having a Program Approval Process that can move forward in this fashion is advantageous for all colleges. The System Office and the Board serve as gatekeepers in the process.

It was moved by Board Member Vasquez, seconded by Board Member Greenheck, that, upon the recommendation of the Wisconsin Technical College System President, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves the Program Scope Proposal for a Web & Digital Media Design program for Waukesha County Technical College. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Western Technical College – Project Concept Review – Construction and Remodeling of Facilities in La Crosse

It was moved by Board Member Cuene, seconded by Board Member Rosen, that, upon the recommendation of the President of the Wisconsin Technical College System, a finding is made that the concept of Western Technical College's upgrading and expansion of the cafeteria/Commons in the Kumm Center is reasonable. The final scope, design, and

funding of the project is subject to review and approval by the Board as required by s.38.04(10), Stats.

Robert Dimperio, Facilities Director, reported that Western Technical College proposes to upgrade and expand the La Crosse Campus cafeteria and Commons through a combination of new construction and remodeling. An addition of 4,700 square feet to the Kumm Center will allow for relocation of the bookstore and Student Life offices. A new instructional kitchen will be developed for the Culinary Arts programs which will increase overall efficiency of the area. Enrollments in the programs have been fairly constant and no substantial increases are expected. The estimated project cost for new construction is just under \$1 million and remodeling is estimated to be \$2.2 million. Mr. Dimperio stated that he has some concern with the cost of the addition, but there will be an opportunity to incorporate cost reduction strategies as the project moves forward. Funding for the project has not yet been determined, but will be partially supported by district borrowing.

Motion carried, Board President Smith abstained.

H. Annual District Board Appointments

Janet Washbon, Associate Vice President, reported that the district board member appointment actions of the local District Board Appointment Committees were reviewed by System Office staff. Dr. Washbon referred to the two charts contained in Board Member folders relating to male/female and minority representation on the district boards. She noted that minorities represent over 13% of the composition of the district boards, which reflects the growing minority population of the state. Dr. Washbon noted that minority appointments are encouraged on all district boards regardless of their percentage of the general population. However, a minority appointment must be made to a district board if the total percentage of minorities within a city of the first class or a technical college district exceeds 6.5 percent of the general population.

Dr. Washbon noted that Wisconsin Indianhead District had no applicants for two of their position, so they have begun the appointment process again. The current School District Administrator can continue in his category until a new person is appointed. These appointments will be brought to the Board at a subsequent meeting. Dr. Washbon also noted that Madison Area Technical College and Chippewa Valley Technical had four appointments because of recent resignations.

Board Member Rosen noted that materials as presented indicate that Bobbie Weber, the Employee Member of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board, has served only three years as President of local Firefighters Union, not 33 years as indicated.

Board Member Rosen wanted the record to state that the WTCS does not discriminate based on race for the district board appointments. Milwaukee currently has five minority representatives on the district board. No candidate has been rejected because they are White.

Board Member Burmaster pointed out that James Jordan, the Employer member of the Waukesha County District Board, was a Star Ambassador for WCTC. It is certainly very heartening to have former students returning as board members.

It was moved by Board Member Erickson, seconded by Board Member Greenheck, that, upon the recommendation of the President of the Wisconsin Technical College System and following a review pursuant to 38.10(2)(c), Wis. Stats., and Wis. Admin. Code ch. TCS 2, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves the appointments of the individuals as presented to the technical college district boards in the categories and for the terms indicated as follows, with the exception of appointments to the Nicolet Area Technical College, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and Milwaukee Area Technical College District Boards.

It was moved by Board Member Tyler, seconded by Board Member Vasquez, that, upon the recommendation of the President of the Wisconsin Technical College System and following a review pursuant to 38.10(2)(c), Wis. Stats., and Wis. Admin. Code ch. TCS 2, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves the appointments of the individuals as presented to the Nicolet Area Technical College District Board.

It was moved by Board Member Tyler, seconded by Board Member Gassman, that, upon the recommendation of the President of the Wisconsin Technical College System and following a review pursuant to 38.10(2)(c), Wis. Stats., and Wis. Admin. Code ch. TCS 2, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves the appointments of the individuals as presented to the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College District Board.

It was moved by Board Member Cuene, seconded by Board Member Gassman, that, upon the recommendation of the President of the Wisconsin Technical College System and following a review pursuant to 38.10(2)(c), Wis. Stats., and Wis. Admin. Code ch. TCS 2, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves the appointments of the individuals as presented to the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>
Blackhawk Technical College		
Employee	Thomas Westrick	2009–2012
Employer	Mary Soddy	2009-2012
School District Admin.	Heidi Carvin	2009-2012
Chippewa Valley Technical College		
Employee	Gwen Southard-Schuppel	2009-2012
Employer	Gary Mitchell	2009-2012
School District Admin.	Cheryl Gullicksrud	2009-2012
Interim –Elected Official	Colleen Bates	2009-2011

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>
Fox Valley Technical College		
Employee	Sally Mielke	2009-2012
Employer	Richard Rechtenwald, Jr.	2009-2012
School District Admin.	William Fitzpatrick	2009-2012
Gateway Technical College		
Employee	Roger Zacharias	2009-2012
Employer	Rebecca Vail	2009-2012
School District Admin.	R. Scott Pierce	2009-2012
Lakeshore Technical College		
Employee	Cher Pao Vang	2009-2012
Employer	Michael Grubich	2009-2012
School District Admin.	Joseph Sheehan	2009-2012
Madison Area Technical College		
Employee	James Cavanaugh	2009-2012
Employer	Janice Bultema	2009-2012
School District Admin.	Jon Bales	2009-2012
Interim – Employee	Noel Radomski	2009-2010
Mid-State Technical College		
Employee	Lynneia Miller	2009-2012
Employer	Peggy Ose	2009-2012
School District Admin.	Terry Reynolds	2009-2012
Milwaukee Area Technical College		
Employee	Bobbie Webber	2009-2012
Employer	Ann Wilson	2009-2012
School District Admin.	Richard Monroe	2009-2012
Moraine Park Technical College		
Employee	Robb Steiner	2009-2012
Employer	Jodine Deppisch	2009-2012
School District Admin.	Richard Zimman	2009-2012
Nicolet Area Technical College		
Employee	Marcelina Metropulos	2009-2012
Employer	Elizabeth Reach	2009-2012
School District Admin.	Richard Peters	2009-2012
Northcentral Technical College		
Employee	Bettye Nall	2009-2012
Employer	Ruth Risley-Gray	2009-2012
School District Admin.	Kristine Gilmore	2009-2012

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College		
Employee	David Mayer	2009-2012
Employer	John Gower	2009-2012
School District Admin.	Ben Villarruel	2009-2012
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College		
Employee	Melissa Fitzsimmons	2009-2012
Employer	Donald Tuescher	2009-2012
School District Admin.	Dean Isaacson	2009-2012
Waukesha County Area Technical College		
Employee	James Riley	2009-2012
Employer	James Jordan	2009-2012
School District Admin.	Paul Strobel	2009-2012
Western Technical College		
Employee	Joanne Sandvick	2009-2012
Employer	Thomas Smith	2009-2012
School District Admin.	David Laehn	2009-2012
Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College		
Employee	Dan Olson	2009-2012

Motion #1 above carried unanimously.

Motion #2 above carried, Board Member Burmaster abstained.

Motion #3 above carried, Board Member Cuene abstained.

Motion #4 above carried, Board Member Rosen abstained.

I. Federal Update – ARRA (Stimulus) Implementation

Morna Foy, Executive Assistant, stated that implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) bill has been difficult due to the lack of information available at the federal level. Ms. Foy summarized recent changes to the provisions of the Act. She noted that special changes have been made as to how the funds can be used. Strong emphasis will be placed on full cost recovery for projects. Another change is that funds now can be used for adult basic education, literacy, and English language learners, which would benefit the technical colleges. Projects that reflect a plan for revigorating the state's economy through collaborative efforts are being stressed. Strong reference has been outlined relating to organized labor being a major partner in the projects. DWD will lead work groups in six areas – three in Green energy and three in health care. There will be a competitive grant process for the technical colleges, but there is not yet a lot of detail available. Board Member Gassman stated that DWD is looking for full guidance by the end of June, with applications due by late August or September.

Ms. Foy noted that the Office of Recovery and Reinvestment is now located in the Governor's Office. Chris Patton will be heading up the office, and will be very active with a lot of data gathering and reporting continuing over the next two years.

Board Member Vasquez asked what district concerns have been raised concerning adult basic education funding. Ms. Foy stated technical colleges are the primary providers for adult basic education in Wisconsin. The single most common and most prevalent need of returning adults and dislocated workers is for basic preparation for return to the academic world. This presents a large burden on colleges who have experienced decreases in both federal and state dollars. She noted that the Board has always supported the role of the Technical College System in providing adult basic education services because of the importance of the program to the success of students in occupational programs. The President has emphasized the importance of community colleges and has recommended level funding for adult and family literacy. It is important that more federal dollars be put into this area. Another area of concern that has been discussed is the difference between remedial and basic education courses, and what tuition can be charged for these courses.

Board Member Rosen stated that a recent UW report proposed that federal funding be doubled. The Technical College System needs to be part of the discussions at the Congressional level to stress the importance of the role of the colleges and the increased need for additional funds as well. It is also important to stress that graduation rates are not the only measurements of success. The Technical College System has other ways to measure success such as short term training, job-outs, etc.

Ms. Foy stated that the President is very interested in data driven information as has been brought out in the ARRA bill. A lot of information will be required and a lot of work will be required of the colleges. The support of the Board will be critical in recognizing the investment the colleges are making.

Board Member Neuenfeldt expressed concern that there seems to be confusion on how the technical college will be affected by the ARRA stimulus monies. Feedback he has received from legislators indicates that the technical colleges will receive substantial dollars. If this is not the case, then the message needs to get out there and this confusion needs to be cleared up.

Ms. Foy stated that a fundamental misconception is that because the colleges are experiencing double digit enrollment increases, the colleges are receiving a lot of additional tuition revenues. The issue is that tuition covers only 20 percent of the cost of students. Increased enrollments put additional burdens on the taxpayers and the state. UW tuition covers approximately 25 percent of costs. No higher education system in the country receives full cost recovery. This issue has been discussed extensively with the Governor's Office and the local workforce development boards, and there now appears to be a better understanding of the district concerns.

J. 2009-11 State Budget Update

Paul Gabriel, Executive Director of the District Boards Association, expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Association for the tremendous amount of advocacy support from business and industry, labor, and students on the WTCS budget package. The solid and coordinated efforts have proven to be successful for the System up to this point in the budget process. During budget discussions, Representative Cory Mason had proposed a *Pathway to Prosperity* categorical aid proposal focusing on recognizing the System's Next Generation Workforce initiative with approximately \$50 million per year allocated to the technical colleges. While the proposal never made it to the Joint Committee on Finance for action, several legislators had committed their support and it served as a catalyst in restoring funding to the System. The Joint Committee on Finance voted to put together all issues from the WTCS and Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) relating to student financial aids for all higher education as well as funding for the WTCS. The increases the System realized in financial aids seemed to appear as if they were being taken away from the UW System. This was never requested on the part of the System and was not the case. After further deliberations, the Joint Committee on Finance voted to restore base cuts as recommended by the Governor to WTCS general aids funding, add \$1 million above the current base, and increase financial aid for students for the biennium. Mr. Gabriel briefly highlighted other items as approved by the Committee. Mr. Gabriel noted that while the System did realize several successes, there is a long road ahead until final adoption of the budget by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. The System is not immune and advocacy efforts must continue. A lot of details will still need to be worked out over the next several weeks.

Ms. Foy provided a brief summary of the cuts being realized by the System Office. She noted that all scheduled 2 percent pay raises for nonrepresented staff were rescinded, all state employees must take 16 furlough days over the two-year period, and the likely addition of an additional 5 percent agency cut in operating expenses. This is certainly not good news for the agency and staff. Because of the recently released figures showing an increase in the state's deficit, the Governor has expressed that no areas can remain unaffected.

Board President Smith thanked System Office staff and all System partners for all the hard work during this budget process.

K. Graduate Follow-Up Report

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

L. June 23-24, 2009, Board Summit/Annual Retreat

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held at Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23-24, 2009, beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Tuesday's agenda will include normal Board business. Wednesday's agenda will be the Board's Annual Retreat. Accomplishments to date from the Board's 2009-2011 Strategic Directions will be the main topic of discussion.

There being no further business to come before the Board,

It was moved by Board Member Greenheck, seconded by Board Member Erickson, that the May 19, 2009, Board meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Jordan
Recording Secretary