

Minutes of Meeting

Wisconsin Technical College System Board
September 29-30, 2009
Nicolet Area Technical College
Rhineland, WI

Tuesday, September 29, 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mary Quinnette Cuene
Ron Danowski for Roberta Gassman
Stan Davis
Terry Erickson
Tony Evers
Ann Greenheck (via phone)
Michael Rosen
Mark Tyler

Members Absent:

Phil Neuenfeldt
Vanessa Pickar
Brent Smith
Jose Vasquez

System Office Staff Present:

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

District/Others Present:

Elizabeth Burmaster, Nicolet Area Technical College
Kathleen Marshall, Nicolet Area Technical College
Gloria Reyes, Nicolet Area Technical College
Lori Weyers, Northcentral Technical College
Vicki Jeppesen, Northcentral Technical College
Mark Zlevor, Gateway Technical College
Michael Sargent, Milwaukee Area Technical College
Mike Pieper, Western Technical College
Paul Gabriel, District Boards Association
John Lukas, District Boards Association
Justin Wheelock, Wisconsin Student Government
Andy Lyons, WEAC

Board President Davis called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Donna Jordan read the following open meeting statement: "The September 29-30, 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 a quorum was present.

It was moved by Board Member Cuene, seconded by Board Member Erickson, that the June 23-24, 2009, Board minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Welcome/Report of the Board President

Board President Davis provided a brief summary of the September 10-11, 2009, UW Board of Regents meeting held at UW-Whitewater. He noted that a written report was also provided in Board member folders.

Board President Davis reported that he and System President Clancy met with the Fox Valley Technical College Board at their September meeting. Fox Valley is dealing with many of the same issues as the other technical colleges -- funding, increased enrollments and student access. They are doing a good job working with local businesses and the community in serving the needs of their students.

Board President Davis reported that Governor Doyle will be meeting with the Board on Wednesday morning to talk about the role of the System in advancing the economy of the state.

B. Board Calendar for 2010 and 2011

It was moved by Board Member Erickson, seconded by Board Member Cuene, that the Board Calendar for 2010 and 2011 be adopted.

Board President Davis noted that no changes were made to the calendar since it was presented at the June meeting. He noted that the July 2011 meeting date is still flexible since it is anticipated that the System's 100th anniversary celebration will be held in conjunction with a Gateway Technical College District Board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Report of the System President

System President Clancy reported that all colleges are reporting significant enrollment increases, ranging from 7 percent to a 29 percent increase in Full-time Equivalent students (FTE's). Fourteen of the 16 colleges are estimating increases over 10 percent and eight colleges are estimating increases of 15 percent or more. Enrollments have risen steadily throughout the

past decade, increasing approximately 30 percent over this period. Factors affecting enrollment increases include affordability, flexibility, high placement rates for graduates, strong wages, and the changing attitudes about the need for lifelong learning.

System President Clancy noted that access and performance standards for students are two critical areas of concern for the colleges. It is estimated that over 15,000 technical college students who are eligible for financial aid will not receive any grants because of insufficient state and federal funding. Colleges are being affected because they must provide space for the students as well as find clinical space for the health care students. The large enrollment growth will likely affect online learning options as well. Colleges are being very creative in serving these students by reprioritizing the dollars available and remaining flexible on how best to serve the students.

System President Clancy briefly highlighted the 2009 Report on Community College Funding and Access Issues, developed from an annual survey of the National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges. The report points out that Wisconsin's technical colleges are facing similar challenges as other colleges across the country with unprecedented enrollment growth which puts additional financial stress on two-year colleges. The report notes that Wisconsin is one state that did not receive significant state funding cuts as other states are experiencing. One section in the report outlines how federal stimulus dollars will be replaced after those funds dry up. The report also supports the Presidents' plan to invest \$12 billion in community college facility construction and renovation over the next 10 years, citing insufficient funding and inadequate physical resources in two-year colleges to meet the expected continued and growing demand for services.

System President Clancy reported that on September 27th he attended Nicolet Area Technical College President Elziabeth Burmaster's investiture as the college's fifth president. The Nicolet Foundation sponsored various community events at the college in celebration of the event. The following day, he attended the Rhinelander Rotary meeting and witnessed the installation of President Burmaster as a member. The Superintendent of Rhinelander School District presented at the Rotary meeting and highlighted the various joint collaborations with Nicolet College.

System President Clancy reported that he will be attending the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) meeting in early October in San Francisco. Six Wisconsin technical colleges will be presenting at this national conference. In mid-October, he will be attending the National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education planning session in Baltimore. System President Clancy and Board President Davis will be attending the Absence of Color conference focusing on college diversity to be held at Blackhawk Technical College in mid-October.

System President Clancy reported that Joan Jenstead, a very long serving member of the Waukesha County Technical College District Board, passed away recently. Ms. Jenstead served over 26 years as a trustee and was very active on the local, state and national levels. System President Clancy shared some of his personal reflections of Ms. Jenstead.

Board Member Erickson asked whether the six colleges who would be presenting at the ACCT conference would be sharing various best practices. System President Clancy briefly highlighted several of the college presentations, but noted that a full report will be presented at the November meeting.

Board Member Cuene asked whether the System Office would be releasing another press release relating to the significant enrollment growth. Board President Davis noted that the UW Colleges have been very aggressive recently on television promoting the success of their two-year colleges, so this might be a good time for additional media attention on the Technical College System. System President Clancy noted that there has been quite a bit of press around the state concerning local college enrollment, but another release highlighting systemwide enrollments is planned following the Board meeting.

Morna Foy, Vice President, noted that the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis is currently doing a study on higher education trends across the country. The study will cover enrollment trends, tuition and fees costs, the rising demand for increased financial aid and how it affects the colleges and students, and the use of tuition-revenue models for financing higher education. The report will be shared with the Board when it becomes available.

Board Member Rosen asked whether the colleges are experiencing capacity issues. System President Clancy stated that the colleges are doing everything possible to find places for students, such as adding course sections and offering courses during extended hours. Some programs are at capacity. However, the real problem will come when students need to get into specific program areas after second and third semesters.

D. Presidents Association

Dr. Lori Weyers, current President of the WTCS Presidents Association, introduced Vicki Jeppesen, current Grants officer at Northcentral Technical College. Ms. Jeppesen is currently in the Wisconsin Leadership Development Program (WLDI) and Dr. Weyers is serving as her mentor for the current year.

Dr. Weyers reported that she and Gateway President Bryan Albrecht made a presentation regarding various successful K-12 partnerships with the technical colleges at the fall State School Superintendents' meeting held on September 23-25 in Madison. Dr. Weyers briefly highlighted some of the best practice examples of the K-12 partnerships around the state.

Dr. Weyers provided an overview of the Presidents Association current activities and a recap of the September 11th meeting. Recent discussion topics include: expanded national support for the WLDI program, support for updating the Wisconsin Instructional Design System (WIDS) curriculum software, presentation by Jim Wood of the Wisconsin Way on the revenue challenges faced by Wisconsin due to the state's aging population, and discussions with Van Walling, Executive Director of Engineers & Scientists of Milwaukee, on advancing collaborative relationships with Wisconsin's K-12 partners in the area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) related awareness and outreach efforts.

Dr. Weyers stated that the large enrollment increases are creating challenges for the colleges especially at it relates to basic education. Additional remediation is needed before these students can enrollment in specific programs and be successful. Since colleges receive no tuition for basic education courses, colleges must leverage additional resources to move these students forward. Dr. Weyers noted that not all of the enrollment growth is due to dislocated workers.

Dr. Weyers thanked Nancy Merrill of the System Office staff for speaking to the colleges across the state on the new veteran legislation changes and providing an overview of the President's American Graduation Initiative.

Board Member Tyler asked what percentage of the college enrollees require remediation. Dr. Weyers stated that it depends on the individual program, but it could be as high as 40 percent, for a student to be successful in their program of choice. All colleges have good working and supportive relationships with their K-12 partners which can be a major factor especially for those students enrolling directly after high school.

Board Member Evers stated that the spirit of collaboration between the K-12 schools and the technical colleges is very high. Things are going well. Data is available to support the need that students must be better prepared as they move forward into postsecondary education.

Board Member Rosen stated that close to 50 percent of Milwaukee Area Technical College students need basic skills remediation, and it is not only returning adults. The real challenge for the college is how to successfully transition these students from basic skills education into program areas. It also places a financial burden on the college because these students don't pay tuition.

Board President Davis stated that while the colleges are facing the recognized challenges of dealing with increased enrollments, there is a strong base of supporters who recognize and support what the colleges are doing. The building of productive relationships within the community who can advocate on behalf of the colleges will continue to be critical as the System moves forward during these difficult economic times.

E. WTC District Boards Association

John Lukas, past President of the Association, provided a brief outline of the fall meeting to be held November 4-6 at Waukesha County Technical College. The meeting will be held in conjunction with a systemwide legal issues seminar. The winter Association meeting will be held on January 20-22, 2010, in Milwaukee. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual School Boards Association meeting and will highlight K-12 and technical college collaborative relationships.

Paul Gabriel, Executive Director, stated that the District Boards Association established as one of its strategic directions closer collaboration with K-12 school boards. A meeting was held with all school district administrators who serve on the technical college boards to talk about additional ways for increased collaboration and partnerships with the local governmental boards and top administration. The goal is to have every local school board and administrator in

the state feel closer to their technical college and work towards increased collaboration. Technical college presentations and joint session are scheduled for the School Boards Association in January.

Mr. Gabriel recognized Joan Jenstead and the many contributions she made serving as a Waukesha County Technical College district board member. He noted that Ms. Jenstead served as Board chair for 10 years during her tenure, being elected by fellow board members on five separate occasions. Ms. Jenstead was a champion for the Technical College System and was truly respected on many local, state and national fronts.

F. Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Board Member Danowski, seconded by Board Member Rosen, that, upon the recommendation of the Wisconsin Technical College System President, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves the program development and modification requests, with the exception of Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's Solar Technician Program Scope Proposal and Energy Management Technician Program Proposal; the facilities development requests; and the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College District Board appointment as presented.

It was moved by Board Member Tyler, seconded by Board Member Erickson, that, upon the recommendation of the Wisconsin Technical College System President, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's Solar Technician Program Scope Proposal and Energy Management Technician Program Proposal as presented.

Program Development and Modification

<u>College</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
Blackhawk	Clinical Laboratory Tech.	Program Scope
Lakeshore	Fire Medic	Program Scope
Milwaukee Area	Landscape Horticulture Tech.	Program Scope
Northeast Wisc.	Solar Technician	Program Scope
Milwaukee Area	Sustainable Facility Oper.	Program Proposal
Northeast Wisc.	Energy Management Tech.	Program Proposal

Facilities Development

Chippewa Valley Technical College – Remodeling of existing facilities on the Clairemont Campus to develop a Learning Resource Center at an estimated cost of \$1,614,000.

Lakeshore Technical College – Installation/construction of a wind turbine on the Cleveland Campus at a total cost of \$49,000.

Madison Area Technical College – Rental of facilities in Portage at an annual cost of \$24,000.

Western Technical College – Acquisition of a surface parking lot in Tomah at a cost of \$80,000.

Western Technical College – Acquisition of property adjacent to the La Crosse Campus at a cost of \$325,000.

Western Technical College – Construction of an addition to the Kumm Center on the La Crosse Campus to relocate the Bookstore and Student Life functions at a cost of \$1,000,000.

Wisconsin Indianhead District Board Appointment

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>
Employer	Carolyn Milbrath	Sept. 29, 2009-June 30, 2012

Motion #1 carried unanimously.

Motion #2 carried, Board member Cuene abstained.

G. Federal Legislative Update

Morna Foy noted that a Federal Issues Update prepared by Nancy Merrill, Policy Advisor, is available in Board Member folders. Ms. Foy provided an update to the *Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009*, known as President Obama's American Graduation Initiative. Ms. Foy noted that a summary and updates of the bill are always available on the WTCS website.

Ms. Foy reported that the bill passed the House of Representatives on September 17th with over 20 amendments. The House version aims at ensuring that new grants provided under the community college initiative include a special emphasis on helping dislocated workers as well as targeting areas with high unemployment rates. Ms. Foy briefly highlighted the five provisions included in the legislation as passed by the House which would directly benefit the Wisconsin Technical College System. It is expected that the Senate might introduce its version of the bill within the next two to three weeks. Part of the delay in introduction of the Senate bill relates to delays in completing work on health care reform. However, the Senate is also concerned about how to structure the community college reform initiatives included in the House version. The Senate is likely to eliminate phasing in of the dollars, with the goal of making grants available for the entire 10 years as long as colleges demonstrate progress in achieving outcome measures as established by the Department of Education. Other possible changes likely to be incorporated into the Senate version were highlighted. Direct lending provisions contained in the legislation are of major concern to both the colleges and private lenders. Further details will be worked through as the bill proceeds through the Senate.

H. Futuremaker Partners Award

Board President Davis noted that the Futuremaker Partners Award will be presented during the social/reception following the close of the meeting.

The Board recessed at 6:05 p.m.

Futuremaker Partners Award

System President Clancy announced that Ministry Health Care of Rhinelander has been selected as the recipient of the Board's *WTCS Futuremaker Partners Award*. This award recognizes organizations that have joined with their local technical college to make a difference in the future of their communities.

Nicolet Area Technical College President Burmaster stated that she was honored to recommend Ministry Health Care Northern Region for the *Futuremaker Partners Award* for their partnership with Nicolet in ensuring the availability of well trained health care professionals to meet the wellness and health care needs of area residents. President Burmaster noted that Ministry Health Care Northern Region includes St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander, Sacred Heart Hospital in Tomahawk, Howard Young Medical Center in Minocqua and Eagle River Memorial Hospital in Eagle River.

Monica Hilt, President, Ministry Health Care Northern Region, thanked the Board for the recognition and award. She stated that while the collaborative partnerships between Nicolet College and Ministry Health Care have been extremely beneficial for both Nicolet and Ministry, the primary benefits have been the success of the students and the services provided to the health care communities in the area.

Wednesday, September 30, 8:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Mary Quinnette Cuene
Ron Danowski for Roberta Gassman
Stan Davis
Terry Erickson
Tony Evers
Ann Greenheck (via phone)
Michael Rosen
Mark Tyler
Jose Vasquez

Members Absent:

Phil Neuenfeldt
Vanessa Pickar
Brent Smith

System Office Staff Present:

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

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Lori Weyers, Northcentral Technical College
Vicki Jeppesen, Northcentral Technical College
Mark Zlevor, Gateway Technical College
Michael Sargent, Milwaukee Area Technical College
Paul Gabriel, District Boards Association
Justin Wheelock, Wisconsin Student Government
Andy Lyons, WEAC

Board President Davis called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

I. State Legislative Update

No report was presented at this time.

J. General Purpose Revenue, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, and Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act Funding Guidelines for 2010-2011

It was moved by Board Member Vasquez, seconded by Board Member Tyler, that, upon the recommendation of the President of the Wisconsin Technical College System, the State Board adopts the funding categories and timelines for the General Purpose Revenue, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, and Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act grant programs for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Willa Panzer, Associate Vice President, reported that annually, the Board is required to approve guidelines for the distribution of funds made available through state General Purpose Revenue (GPR), Adult Education and Family Literacy (AEFL) Act, and Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (Perkins IV) grant appropriations. These guidelines include: (1) Statement of the purpose and allowable activities of each GPR, AEFL Act, and Perkins funding category; (2) planned 2010-2011 distribution of funds for GPR, AEFL, and Perkins IV grant categories; and (3) planned 2010-2011 timetables for the development and approval of GPR, AEFL, and Perkins IV grant applications. The guidelines include the grant categories for which applications are solicited through Requests for Proposals.

Ms. Panzer reported that over \$35 million in state and federal grants are awarded annually by the Wisconsin Technical College System. Many of these grant awards relate directly to the Board's 2009-11 Strategic Directions. Ms. Panzer provided a brief overview of the grant

review process and the responsibilities of System Office grant coordinator and grant managers.

Ms. Panzer provided an overview of the grant categories in each funding area, including the purpose of the category, the recommended funding amount, and any changes to the requirements for funding. She noted that a summary table corresponding to her PowerPoint slides was available in Board member's folders.

State General Purpose Revenue (GPR) funds provide support for targeted programs within the technical colleges that have been identified by the WTCS, the Legislature, and the Governor as priorities for state support. Ms. Panzer provided an overview of each of the GPR funding categories. Total funding of \$17,043,650 in 13 categories is being recommended through both competitive and formula grant applications. Grants in the Work-based Learning for Tribal Colleges category will be awarded only to the Lac Courte Ojibwa Community College and the College of Menomonie Nation. Funds in the School-to-Work for At-Risk Youth category will only be awarded to the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board.

Ms. Panzer reported that Adult Education and Family Literacy (AEFL) Act funds provide federal support for programs to establish and expand educational opportunities at the K-12 level for educationally disadvantaged adults. Since Congress has not yet reauthorized the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, these guidelines are issued with the expectation that the Department of Education will extend Wisconsin's State Plan through Fiscal year 2011. Subsequently, all AEFL grants will be extended for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

Ms. Panzer reported that the purpose of Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act funds (Perkins IV) is to develop more fully the academic, career, and technical skills of secondary students and postsecondary students who elect to enroll in career and technical education programs. The State Board has identified four priorities for the use of postsecondary Perkins IV funding in the State Plan: (1) Strengthening Career and Technical Education Programs; (2) Student Success; (3) Assuring Access and Participation in Nontraditional Occupational Training and Employment; and (4) Promoting and Supporting High School to College Transitions for Career and Technical Education Students.

Ms. Panzer highlighted the overall process changes in all grant categories. These included: (1) added outside reviewers for all competitive categories; (2) timeline modifications; (3) if a grant is not funded, district is provided with detailed explanation of the reasons for non-funding and specific areas for improvement; (4) if a district shows a trend in deficiencies, special assistance is provided for future grant applications; and (5) increased technical assistance.

Valerie Payne, Grant Coordinator, noted that the System Office will be providing increased technical assistance to the colleges and other grant applicants this year. The guidelines will be presented in Webinar format so travel by the colleges will not be required. The roles of the grant coordinators and grant managers will be clarified during these discussions. Follow-up technical assistance will be available through group conference calls, and special assistance to the grant applicants will be provided either on-site or via conference call as requested.

Board Member Rosen asked how the grant formulas are established. Ms. Panzer noted that for Perkins IV and AEFL, guidelines are established at the federal level. For the GPR grants, the System Office establishes the GPR state level guidelines. Some of these formulas are

based on population data. Board Member Rosen expressed concern that for the grant categories where the money is divided equally, this doesn't address the large student population at particular colleges such as Milwaukee and Madison. System President Clancy stated that because of the small amount of total dollars available in these particular grant categories, the total dollars were divided evenly in order to get particular programs started at the colleges. In the categories with larger amounts of total funding available, grants were awarded based on the size of the college.

Board Member Danowski stated that he was pleased to see that RISE activities were integrated within the grant guidelines.

Board Member Evers asked how the Board is involved in the grant guidelines. System President Clancy stated that the Board's involvement starts when the state and federal program plans are developed. The Board approves grant guidelines on an annual basis. However, System Office staff work very closely with Department of Public Instruction staff and others during the annual grant guideline process.

Motion carried unanimously.

K. Career Pathway Advocacy

System President Clancy reported that on October 15th a report will be released entitled *Wisconsin's Forgotten Middle-Skill Jobs* from the national Workforce Alliance highlighting Wisconsin's ongoing need for skilled workers in the "middle" of the labor market. These jobs are well-paid, highly-skilled technical and trade jobs. System President Clancy and Department of Workforce Development Secretary Gassman will be participating in a press call announcing the report release. At that time, the importance of Wisconsin's Technical College System in responding to the increasing need of skilled workers in key sectors of Wisconsin's economy, especially those experiencing rapid technological changes and those that remain critical to the health of the state's economy, will be stressed.

L. Gateway Technical College – Rental of Facilities in Burlington

It was moved by Board Member Cuene, seconded by Board Member Erickson, that, upon the recommendation of the President of the Wisconsin Technical College System, approval is granted to Gateway Technical College District to rent facilities of approximately 19,700 square feet from the Burlington Area School District at an initial annual cost of \$160,000.

Robert Dimperio, Facilities Director, reported that Gateway Technical College (GTC) currently leases approximately 9,400 square feet of space in a building located at 380 McCanna Parkway, Burlington. The current lease has a 15-year term and will expire in December 2012. Annual lease payments are \$99,420. The original landlord was Memorial Hospital of Burlington. A subsequent sale of the building to the Burlington Area School District resulted in the assumption of the lease by the school district. Gateway proposes to terminate the existing lease

and enter a new lease agreement with the school district that will construct an addition to the building, as well as perform remodeling for additional and modified space. The proposed lease area would be approximately 19,700 square feet and would be primarily used to provide expanded and specialized space for Fire Service and Emergency Medical Service programs. Modest enrollment increases are expected in these program areas. The term of the proposed lease is 20 years with a cost of \$160,000 annually for the basic rent. This rate is constant for the first 15 years of the lease, with the rent for the final years averaging \$84,936 annually. Utilities and custodial services are not included in the basic rent and are estimated to cost \$128,000 annually. The lease requires the district to pay all maintenance costs. Mr. Dimperio noted that the lease is with another governmental entity and the proposed rent payments are equal to the principal and interest payments made by the school district for the addition and remodeling. As a government-owned facility, the building is not subject to property taxes.

Board Member Vasquez asked whether Gateway Technical College was given the option to purchase the building from Memorial Hospital before it was sold to the Burlington School District.

Mr. Dimperio stated that the current building is on the Burlington School District campus. Gateway relocated their Burlington Center to that building to further their relationships with the high school as well as the clinic operated by the hospital. As the ownership of the building changed, the school district did not offer Gateway the option to purchase the building.

Board Member Tyler stated that he has in the past expressed concern relating to long term lease proposals. But because of the history of Gateway and Burlington School District, as well as other factors noted in the materials and explained by Mr. Dimperio, this proposed lease arrangement deserves his exception.

Motion carried unanimously.

M. Milwaukee Area Technical College – Construction of Additional of Facilities in Milwaukee – Photovoltaic Panel Array

It was moved by Board Member Vasquez, seconded by Board Member Erickson, that, upon the recommendation of the President of the Wisconsin Technical College System, approval is granted to Milwaukee Area Technical College to construct clusters of photovoltaic panels at a cost of \$6,933,900, including \$6,097,087 for movable equipment, to provide training and generate electricity to be used by the district or sold to the local utility.

Robert Dimperio reported that Milwaukee Area Technical College District is requesting approval to construct an array of photovoltaic (solar) panels on district-owned property at 810 E. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee. The proposed site is a parcel of approximately 32.8 acres along the west bank of the Milwaukee River. A portion of the site is a remediated landfill monitored by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Improvements on the site include a 25,000 square foot transmitter building and antenna for Milwaukee Public Television, operated by the district, and a surface parking lot of approximately 1,000 spaces leased to the University of

Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The ability to build on the site is fairly limited. The proposal includes construction of 5 ground mounted and 3 specialty applications clusters of photovoltaic panels. The clusters will vary in design providing opportunities for comparative analysis and research. The panels are intended to provide training opportunities as well as generate electricity that can be used by the district or sold to the local utility, We Energies. There will also be opportunities to collaborate with four-year higher education institutions in training and research.

Mr. Dimperio noted that a majority of the total project cost is allocated for movable equipment. Movable equipment is excluded from the statutory capital expenditure limits, and therefore the college does not have to go to referendum. System Office staff consulted with the Wisconsin Department of Justice in approving this determination.

The total project cost of \$6,933,900 will be funded through district borrowing. The district has prepared an economic analysis of the amount of electricity produced by the system and the potential payback over a 30-year period, the life expectancy of the photovoltaic panels. The electricity generated by the system is estimated to have a value of \$70,300 in the first year of operation, with a cumulative total value \$4,752,600. However, providing training to students in a wide range of programs is of greater importance to the college.

Michael Sargent, Vice President for Finance, Milwaukee Area Technical College, thanked System Office staff for working through the questions and challenges raised by this project. This proposed project is the first of its kind in the nation and will demonstrate how electricity can be generated in an urban area and its impact on the electrical grid. He noted that the college is currently working with Wisconsin's Focus on Energy as well as We Energies to secure additional funding for the project. The college is also focusing on federal stimulus grants and other education grants in order to use the project as a training center for jobs in green industries.

Board Member Rosen commended Milwaukee Area Technical College for this proposal. He stated that the role of the Technical College System is to introduce new technologies and promote economic development in the state. This project is being developed in an urban area that needs revitalization. The work will be sourced to local manufacturing companies which will allow them to enter the green industries market and become a leading force in that market. This will help a number of small manufacturers in the area grow. Board Member Rosen also stated that the project in not being developed to generate electricity, the college is making the investment in order to keep its students on the cutting edge in these new technologies.

Motion carried unanimously.

N. Board Policy Revisions

Morna Foy reported that this is the first step in the review and revision of several Board policies which are basically technical in nature. Staff are recommending a modification of Board Policy 203, Public Records and Property Notice, to delegate authority to the System President to make cost adjustments for retrieval, reproduction, and mailing of public records and to determine specific wording of public notices posted according to Wisconsin statute. Modification is being

requested of Board Policy 305, Short-Term Technical Diploma Program Approval, to reflect current System names and practices. Short-Term technical diploma programs are less than one year including a minimum of two technical credits and a maximum of 25 technical credits. Ms. Foy noted that this policy only pertains to diploma programs not certificates.

Ms. Foy noted that the Board is approximately two-thirds of the way through reviewing approximately 65 of the Board's policies. Additional policies are expected to be presented at the next meeting for initial review, as well as the current two policies for final action.

O. Nicolet Area Technical College Presentation

President Elizabeth Burmaster and staff showcased Nicolet's new Home Technology Integration certificate program and the application of this technology to the construction of a "Smart Home" in the College's Building Trades program. President Burmaster noted that home technology integration is transforming residential energy management, building security, and home entertainment systems using state-of-the-art computer technology. A tour of the college's Renewable Energy Center, including Nicolet's wind turbine, was also provided.

P. November 17-18, 2009, Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held at Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 17-18, 2009.

There being no further business to come before the Board,

It was moved by Board Member Rosen, seconded by Board Member Cuene, that the September 29-30, 2009, Board meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Following adjournment of the meeting, Governor Doyle met with the Board and discussed the role the Technical College System is playing in advancing the state's economy. Governor Doyle praised the colleges for their efforts in serving the dislocated workers of the state and for dealing with the tremendous enrollment increases that all colleges are experiencing. Governor Doyle spoke about President Obama's American Graduation Initiative and the effect it will have on the state. The Governor also stressed the importance of a seamless transition of credits for students to four-year institutions. The Technical College System and the University of Wisconsin System have come a long way in advancing this effort, but more can be done.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Jordan
Recording Secretary