

MINUTES OF MEETING
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD
NOVEMBER 1-2, 2016
NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE (NTC) – WAUSAU
1000 WEST CAMPUS DRIVE, COMMUNITY ROOM
WAUSAU, WISCONSIN 54401

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Members Present: Phil Baranowski, Lisa Erickson, Becky Lezvow, W. Kent Lorenz, Kelly Tourdot, S. Mark Tyler, Sharon Wendt for Tony Evers, Mary Williams.

Members Absent: Ray Allen, Terry McGowan, John Schwantes, Stephen Willett.

System Office Staff Present: Dan Arneson, Kathy Cullen, Monique Currie, Morna Foy, Emily Gleason, Lisa Hebgen, Kathy Loppnow, Nancy Merrill, Carrie Morgan, Dan Scanlon, Conor Smyth.

District/Others Present: Layla Merrifield, District Boards Association; Susan May, Fox Valley Technical College; Bryan Albrecht, Lakeshore Technical College; Bonnie Baerwald, Moraine Park Technical College; Richard Nelson, Nicolet Area Technical College; Karen Brzezinski, Rob Elliott, Katie Felch, Vicki Jeppesen, Roxanne Lutgen, Shelly Mondeik, Bonnie Osness, Chet Strebe, PaHnia Thao, Lori Weyers, Lorraine Zoromski, Northcentral Technical College; Dave Brown, Waukesha County Technical College; John Will, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College.

Board Vice President Tyler called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Emily Gleason read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

ITEM A: Approval of the September 13-14, 2016 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Board Member Baranowski, seconded by Board Member Tourdot that the September 13-14, 2016, meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM B: Report of the Board President

Board Vice President Tyler noted that he was chairing the meeting in Board President Schwantes' absence and thanked NTC President Dr. Lori Weyers for hosting the meeting.

Vice President Tyler reported that a number of postsecondary education stakeholders have been involved in the New Skills for Youth Initiative funded by JPMorgan Chase and asked Board Member Wendt to comment. Ms. Wendt reported that Wisconsin has completed the Phase Two grant application to receive up to \$2 million over three years to advance Career Prep. Phase Two grant recipients will be announced in January 2017.

Vice President Tyler reported that he serves on the Wisconsin Manufacturer's and Commerce (WMC) board and WTCS received good mention at the annual State of Wisconsin Business Luncheon in October.

Vice President Tyler has been promoting workforce development around the state, recently speaking at a United Way gathering and at the annual Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Executives (WCCE) Conference.

ITEM C: Report of the System President

System President Foy reported that the technical colleges remain in the news. The WTCS Apprenticeship Spotlights in September at Northeast Wisconsin and Lakeshore technical colleges received media coverage. The Lakeshore event included a tour of LDI Industries, a manufacturing company in Manitowoc.

U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez visited Madison College, announcing a \$1.5 million federal grant to expand apprenticeship in the construction, financial services and biotech industries. The funding is part of a \$50 million investment in apprenticeship training that will support over 400 new apprentices in Wisconsin. Board members Ray Allen, Tony Evers and Kelly Tourdot joined President Foy at the event.

President Foy highlighted Manufacturing Month, a collaborative effort with the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), Department of Public Instruction (DPI), WMC and other partners. The technical colleges hosted more than 40 events in October, including heavy metal bus tours and women in manufacturing awareness events.

President Foy visited school leaders, students and teachers at Union Grove and Elkhorn Area high schools to look at their Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Youth Apprenticeship programs.

NTC hosted Michigan Tech's *Mind Trekkers* road show at the Wausau campus in October. Dr. Weyers reported that 3,500 area middle schoolers attended the event.

President Foy highlighted articles, *Breaking Down the Skills Gap*, featuring a quote from WTCS Education Director James Mackey, and *Engaging Students with Hands-on Learning*, by Rich Buhnerkemper, a Gateway Technical College Computer Numerical Control (CNC) instructor.

The *WTCS-in-Brief* weekly newsletter has included a USA Today series, *Degrees of Debt*. The series is examining the cost of college and the levels of debt students are taking on.

Governor Walker announced UW Credit Union membership eligibility changes and the launch of *Look Forward to Your Future*, a website designed by the Department of Financial Institutions to promote the importance of planning ahead for college and a resource for students and parents who are facing questions and decisions about college and student debt.

WTCS will receive the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) Institutional Service Award at the CAEL International Conference in Chicago for System-wide collaborations related to the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College Career Training (TAACCCT) grants and Credit for Prior Learning.

Fox Valley Technical College received the 2016 Ann Lydecker Diversity Award from the Wisconsin State Council on Affirmative Action for its strong commitment to advance students of color with its Scholars for Success Program.

In October, President Foy and WTCS Executive Vice President Jim Zylstra participated in a Lumina Foundation convening on outcomes-based funding, *Lessons from Leading States*.

President Foy showed a video produced by WTCS Communications Specialist Dan Arneson, portraying Northcentral Technical College student and WTCS State Ambassador Tanya Kranski's technical college experience.

ITEM D: Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association

Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association Executive Director Layla Merrifield updated the board on recent Association activities. The fall meeting highlighted the Milwaukee Promise and included an in-service on technical college finance. In January, trustees will meet in Madison to hear from key legislative leaders and visit with their local legislators.

Trustees attended the annual Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress in New Orleans in October. The program highlighted the diversity of state's governance and funding models.

ITEM E: WTCS Presidents' Association

Association President and President of Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College John Will provided the Board with an update on recent activities. In October, the Association met with Kurt Bauer, President and CEO of WMC, discussing advocacy.

An area of focus for the Presidents is developing the recognition of technical college scholars through the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

ITEM F: Teaching and Learning – Allied Health

WTCS Education Director for Health Sciences Kathy Loppnow and NTC Dean of Health Occupations Lorraine Zoromski updated the Board on the System's instructional delivery partnerships in support of Wisconsin's health care sector. System-wide and regional initiatives include listening sessions, program advisory committee input and statewide curriculum. Technical colleges engage in networking to maintain clinical sites for student learning and simulation to supplement those experiences. Board members discussed the ongoing need for growth in healthcare programming.

It was moved by Board Member Baranowski, seconded by Board Member Wendt, to recess the meeting until Wednesday, November 2, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 6:31 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Members Present: Phil Baranowski, Lisa Erickson, Tony Evers, Becky Levezow, W. Kent Lorenz, Kelly Tourdot, S. Mark Tyler, Mary Williams, Stephen Willett.

Members Absent: Ray Allen, Terry McGowan, John Schwantes.

System Office Staff Present: Kathy Cullen, Monique Currie, Morna Foy, Emily Gleason, Lisa Hebggen, Nancy Merrill, Carrie Morgan, Dan Scanlon, Conor Smyth.

District/Others Present: Layla Merrifield, District Boards Association; Susan May, Fox Valley Technical College; Bryan Albrecht, Lakeshore Technical College; Mike Stark, Madison Area Technical College; Bonnie Baerwald, Moraine Park Technical College; Richard Nelson, Nicolet Area Technical College; Karen Brzezinski, Rob Elliott, Katie Felch, Vicki Jeppesen, Roxanne Lutgen, Shelly Mondeik, Bonnie Osness, Chet Strebe, PaHnia Thao, Lori Weyers, Lorraine Zoromski, Northcentral Technical College; Chris Dahlke, Chet Lamers, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College; Dave Brown, Waukesha County Technical College; John Will, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College.

Board Vice President Tyler called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m. Emily Gleason read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

ITEM H: Consent Agenda

Board Vice President Tyler offered the consent agenda for Board discussion and, hearing no questions, called for a motion.

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

ITEM I: Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Project Review

WTCS Facilities Director Dan Scanlon provided an overview of Northeast Wisconsin's proposal to construct a transportation center facility in Green Bay at an estimated cost of \$10 million. The 60,900 square foot facility would house the Diesel Heavy Truck, Automotive Technology and Automotive Collision programs. The Concept Review was approved at the Board's

September 2016 meeting. Funding for the project will be by district borrowing as authorized by the April 2015 referendum.

It was moved by Board Member Lorenz, seconded by Board Member Tourdot, that the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approve Northeast Wisconsin Technical College District to construct a Transportation Center Facility in Green Bay at a cost of \$10,000,000. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM J: 2016-19 WTCS Facilities Plan

Mr. Scanlon summarized the 2016-19 WTCS Facilities Plan, highlighting the technical colleges' major initiatives, capital maintenance budgets and planned facility development projects.

It was moved by Board Member Baranowski, seconded by Board Member Erickson, that the Wisconsin Technical College System Board accept the 2016-19 WTCS Facilities Plan. Individual projects included in the Plan are subject to the Board's review and approval, pursuant to s. 38.04(10) Stats. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM K: Attainment Goal

Vice President Tyler reported that Wisconsin Senator Sheila Harsdorf invited the higher education sectors to attend a Lumina Foundation convening in September focused on postsecondary attainment rates. President Foy stated that attainment rates are rising in other countries while remaining relatively flat in the United States. This is having an economic impact. Higher attainment rates are often associated with improved health, career prospects and other opportunities for youth. According to the 2016 Lumina Foundation *Stronger Nation* report, 47.1 percent of Wisconsin residents hold a postsecondary degree or credential.

President Foy and leaders of the University of Wisconsin (UW) and the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) are weighing a joint resolution establishing an attainment goal in Wisconsin, with support from governing boards. The Lumina Foundation will support the goal with grant funds, if established by the end of 2016. Board members engaged in a discussion on setting and meeting a goal, including the value of recognizing apprenticeship as a credential for this purpose.

It was moved by Board Member Williams, seconded by Board Member Evers, that the Wisconsin Technical College System Board support the establishment of a Higher Education Attainment Goal. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM L: Legislative Update

Ms. Merrifield updated the Board on legislative activities affecting the System. President Foy testified before the Legislative Council Study Committees on Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician Shortages on draft bills that effect the colleges and will keep the Board apprised of further developments.

WTCS Senior Policy Advisor Nancy Merrill provided a federal update.

ITEM P: Announcements/Adjourn

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is January 24, 2017, at the System Office in Madison.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Gleason
Recording Secretary