**Wisconsin Student Government**

**Minutes: April 22, 2016**

**Midstate Technical College**

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Joseph Dolzani.

Midstate Technical College welcomed WSG to their campus.

Colleges present were Chippewa Valley, Fox Valley, Gateway, Lakeshore, Madison, Mid-State, Milwaukee Area, Moraine Park, Northcentral, Northeast WI, and Western. Not present were Blackhawk, Nicolet, Southwest, Waukesha, and Wisconsin Indianhead.

Minutes from the 2.14.16 meeting were reviewed. Chippewa Valley madea motion to approve the minutes. Northeast seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Governors provided updates on college events. Joseph Dolzani, President, expressed the importance of the updates from the colleges and stated that other colleges use the ideas shared. Joseph shared that he went to his final WTCS meeting. He spoke about how well the WSG students are doing for the technical colleges. Jan Logan, Resource Director, gave her report explaining expenditures and deposits and provided a budget status. Jan also went over the Legislative Seminar revenues and expenses.

Joseph Dolzani led a warm-up activity – Reflections. A YouTube video from Steve Harvey, “You Have to Jump”.

Monique Currie, policy advisor for WTCS, gave the WTCS and legislative updates. Tuition rates have been approved. Tuition will increase 1.5% for next year – they understand college costs keep increasing but they want costs for students down. There are changes for FAFSA – the application will be available starting Oct 1 and you will use your prior, prior year for taxes. Monique asked questions of the Governors, e.g., is the WTCS giving the right amount of information, is the content understandable and asked what other topics should be covered. She asked how visits went with the legislative leaders. Other things that students want discussed are: transfer of credits (internal and external), differing tuition rates, more internships, health and wellness and book costs and rentals.

Joseph Dolzani discussed the 2016-17 budget. Gateway motioned to move the 2015-16 surplus of $800 into the Legislative Seminar main speaker fee. Northeast seconded the motion. Discussion. Rich Weber asked whether the surplus could be saved in case there was a negative balance. Gateway said that if FTE’s are decreasing, our other costs would be decreasing also. In favor – 8, Opposed – 2, Abstained – 1, motion passed. Milwaukee motioned for Jason LaVasseur for the Legislative Seminar speaker for February 2017. Chippewa seconded. Discussion. In favor – 10, Opposed – 0, Abstained – 1, motion passed. Northeast motioned to approve the budget. Milwaukee seconded. In favor – 11. Motion passed. Northeast motioned to approve the contract for the Resource Director. Milwaukee seconded. Discussion. In favor – 11, motion passed. Chippewa motioned to approve the webmaster contract. Northeast seconded. In favor – 11, motion passed.

Officer elections took place. For President candidates were Chris Morse from Northeast and Richard Evers from Fox Valley. Both presented a speech. Questions were asked of both candidates. Vote taken. Chris Morse was elected President. For Vice President Richard Evers from Fox Valley was the candidate. Vote taken. Richard Evers was elected Vice President. There were no candidates for Parliamentarian. This will be moved to the October meeting. Traci Lawrenz from Moraine Park ran for Adm. Financial Officer. A speech was given. Vote taken. Traci Lawrenz was elected.

Dates for next year’s meetings are October 14-15 at Nicolet, Rhinelander; November 11 at Midstate; January 20 at Moraine Park-West Bend; February 19-21 at Madison Concourse Hotel; April 7 at Northcentral, Wausau.

Northcentral motioned to adjourn at 2:12 pm. Northeast seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci Lawrenz, AFO