**Wisconsin Student Government**

**January 15, 2016**

**Northcentral Technical College**

**MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Joseph Dolzani.

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

Northcentral welcomed WSG to the campus.

Minutes from the 11.13.15 meeting were reviewed. Northeast made a motion to approve the minutes. Midstate seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Governors provided updates on college events. Chris Villarreal, Vice President, gave WSG an update. Joseph Dolzani, President, discussed how nice it is to hear the updates from the technical colleges and how other colleges use the ideas shared. He will be attending Madison’s WTCS meeting in January. Jan Logan, Resource Director, gave her report explaining expenditures and deposits and went over where we are in the budget.

Richard Weber led a team activity – classification game.

Joseph Dolzani shared the “draft” 2016-17 budget and provided information regarding the contract renewals for the Resource Director and Webmaster. The Webmaster contract is a one-year contract. The Resource Director contract is a two-year contract. The Webmaster and Resource Director contracts end this year and need to be voted on in the upcoming months.

Joseph Dolzani talked about how important it is to bring additional students from their colleges to the legislative seminar in February.

Jan Logan went over the committee assignments and changes. Jan will email out to the advisors the list Moraine Park came up with for things to do in Madison. The draft for the legislative seminar is on the WSG website.

Monique Currie, policy advisor for WTCS, discussed the bill that was introduced regarding firearms on campus. It would allow people with concealed carry permits to bring firearms onto/into campus. Another bill introduced would change the tech excellence scholarship to being enrolled in 6 credits instead of 12 and would lower the GPA from 3.0 to 2.5. A third new bill is the college affordability package. Monique had handouts for those in attendance. The six legislative proposals in the college affordability proposal are focused on making higher education more affordable, reducing student debt, and making the cost of higher education more transparent: deducting all student loan interest (draft), increasing Wisconsin grants for technical colleges (introduced), creating grants for students in emergency financial need (draft), increasing internships (draft), and helping students and families to make informed decisions (draft). These bills might affect the WSG position paper. Monique will keep WSG updated and will update us more at the legislative seminar in February.

Joseph Dolzani discussed how to tell our story at the legislative seminar. Those in attendance broke out and did a “speed dating” exercise with their story.

DeWayne Sexton, Moraine Park Governor, discussed the position paper. Northcentral motioned to reduce the position paper to two instead of three issues. Milwaukee seconded. Discussion. Vote was taken, all in favor. Motion passed. Steve Pepper, Moraine Park Lt. Governor, read an email from Lakeshore stating what they would like changed in the positon paper. Fox Valley motioned to include in the positon paper WSG’s support of Governor Walker’s college affordability legislative package. Northeast seconded. Discussion. Mid-State motioned to amend the motion to add student loan refinancing. Milwaukee seconded. Discussion. Monique Currie said she will keep WSG updated on the legislative bill numbers. Vote taken on amendment, 9 in favor, 1 against. Motion passed. Northcentral motioned for a five minute recess. Chippewa seconded. Recess taken. Discussion on Fox Valley’s motion. Vote taken regarding Fox Valley’s motion including the amendment, 9 in favor, 1 against. Motion passed. Blackhawk motioned to have the terminology changed in the motion from ‘student loan refinancing’ to ‘higher education, lower debt for Wisconsin bill.’ Northcentral seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Blackhawk motioned to let the committee draft the paper and email to Governor’s to look over and give any input that they feel is needed. Milwaukee seconded. The committee will have the final draft done by January 23 and emailed out to all Governors and advisors. Any input needs to be emailed back to committee by January 28. The final copy will be on the website and stated as final positon paper on January 30. Blackhawk amended original motion to include the dates of drafts, input and final paper deadlines. Mid-State seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote taken, all in favor. Amendment passed. Vote taken on original motion, 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion passed. There was more discussion on different points of the positon paper. Changes were made to the positon paper as each part was reviewed. Northeast motioned to approve the changes to the transferability of credits. Chippewa Valley seconded. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passed.

Public comments and announcements were made.

Northeast motioned to adjourn at 2:12 pm. Chippewa Valley seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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