**Wisconsin Student Government**

**November 13, 2015**

**Fox Valley Technical College**

**MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Joseph Dolzani.

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

Minutes from the 10.10.15 meeting were reviewed. Moraine Park made a motion to approve the minutes. Northeast seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Chris Villarreal led a team activity – building blocks, marshmallow tower. Discussion followed regarding team building.

Governors provided updates on college events. Chris Villarreal, Vice President, talked about veterans. Jan Logan, Resource Director, gave her report explaining expenditures and deposits and went over where we are in the budget.

Jan Logan discussed the legislative seminar. She explained deadlines and what happens during the seminar in February. Moraine Park will bring ideas of what to do in Madison to the January meeting.

Joseph Dolzani gave tips for preparing to meet with legislators and writing your story. There are papers included in each packet to help with this. If you have any questions ask an executive board member or anyone who has attended previously.

Monique Currie, Policy Advisor for WTCS, updated us on issues regarding the Wisconsin Technical College System. She shared statistics regarding financial aid. Pros and cons of some scholarships and the President’s free college plan were explained. Student loans, defaults and non-completion was explained. Credit transfer is another policy to explore as to how it is working and if it is working. Campus concealed carry is another issue that is being debated. Questions were asked and answered.

Layla Merrifield, executive director for the District Boards Association, went over legislative issues and how to communicate with legislators. The legislators remember personal stories versus numbers.

Joseph Dolzani gave his president’s report. He visited Lakeshore Technical College this week and was at the WTCS Board Meeting. He went over a few ideas for the position paper. There is a position open to be a student representative on the Governor’s board, a two year position which runs from May 2015 to May 2017. Go to Governor’s page, apply to serve, board and commissions, WTCS board.

DeWayne Sexton, Governor of MPTC, discussed the legislative seminar position paper. The committee’s thoughts for the paper were concealed carry and transferability of credits. Discussion followed about why there were only two items, not the usual three items in the paper. Discussion followed regarding whether the two points were important to the whole WTCS student body. Debate ensued regarding concealed carry. Gateway moved for a 5-minute recess to discuss amongst all members, Nicolet seconded. Northeast made a motion to table the concealed carry debate until governor’s could go back and talk to their campuses. Northcentral seconded, discussion took place. Mid-State motioned to amend the previous motion to strike the concealed carry from the position paper. Chippewa seconded the amended motion, discussion followed. Mid-State motioned to amend their previous motion to indefinitely table the motion Northeast made; Fox Valley seconded. A vote was taken regarding the Northeast motion, 11 governors voted for the motion and two voted against. Motion passed. A vote was taken regarding the Mid-State amended motion. Ten governors voted for the motion and three voted against. Motion passed. Additional topics for the positon paper were discussed. Southwest motioned to go forward with the transferability of credits. Northeast seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Chippewa Valley motioned to have three positions in the position paper. Northcentral seconded. Discussion followed. A vote was taken. Six governors voted for the motion. Five voted against with no abstentions. Motion passed. Southwest motioned to add affordability, Milwaukee seconded. A vote was taken. Nine governors voted for the motion. Zero voted against and there were no abstentions. Motion passed. Gateway motioned to add campus safety to the paper. No one seconded the motion. Motion died. Chippewa motioned to add student support. Nicolet secondeds and discussion was held. A vote was taken. One governor voted for the motion. Eight voted against and zero abstained. Motion failed. Chippewa motioned to add industry experience to the paper. No second was made. Motion died. Moraine Park motioned for a tax break/credit to assist with businesses who help pay for technical college students attending school and a tax break/credit for technical college students. Chippewa seconded. Discussion followed. Vote was taken. Six governors voted for the motion. Four voted against. One abstained. Motion passed.

Food for the legislative seminar was discussed for Sunday evening. Gateway motioned for a taco bar. Nicolet seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Public comments and announcements were made.

Gateway motioned to adjourn at 3:17 pm. Northeast seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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