**Wisconsin Student Government**

**Meeting Minutes**

November 13, 2020

1. **Call to order –** Ann Ilagan, President, called the virtual meeting to order at **9:00 a.m.** on November 13, 2020. Northeast Wisconsin Technical College hosted this virtual meeting via WebEx.
2. **Roll call at 9:00 a.m.** – Ann Ilagan conducted roll call. The following colleges with an ‘X’ attended this virtual meeting and the colleges left blank were absent:

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| **Technical College** |  | **Technical College** |  |
| **Blackhawk** | X | **Moraine Park** | X |
| **Chippewa Valley** | X | **Nicolet** |  |
| **Fox Valley** | X | **Northcentral** | X |
| **Gateway** | X | **Northeast WI** | X |
| **Lakeshore** | X | **Southwest** | X |
| **Madison** | X | **Waukesha** | X |
| **Mid-State** | X | **Western** | X |
| **Milwaukee Area** | X | **Wisconsin Indianhead** |  |

1. **Introductions and Welcome at 9:03 a.m. –**
* Ann Ilagan introduced Dr. Colleen Simpson, Vice President of Student Services of NWTC.
	+ Dr. Simpson gave a brief introduction of herself and welcomed us all to NWTC virtually.
1. **Approval of Agenda for November 13, 2020 Meeting at 9:06 a.m. –** Ann Ilagan addressed the current agenda and made a motion for approval, Mid-State moved to approve the current agenda, Blackhawk seconded the motion. The November 13, 2020 meeting agenda was approved.
2. **Robert’s Rules of Order Overview at 9:08 a.m. –** Jean-Anne Schulze, Parliamentarian, gave a brief overview of Robert’s Rules of Order. Included in this was a brief refresher of how voting and motions work (Governors have the colleges’ only vote). Also, during this time, Jean-Anne presented the mission statement and purpose of WSG (both of which can be found on the website, https://wsgtech.com/).
3. **Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2020 Meeting at 9:13 a.m. –** Ann Ilagan addressed the October minutes and made a motion for approval, Gateway moved to approve the minutes; Blackhawk seconded the motion. The October 16, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.
4. **Leadership Presenter for 2021 Legislative Seminar at 9:14 a.m. –** Ann Ilagan and Vicky Weiland, Resource Director, introduced and presented the WSG leadership workshop evaluation results based off of the 17 responses received from the October meetings’ speaker. The majority thought that Michael Miller’s presentation at the October meeting were excellent, extremely organized, met all their expectations, was just right - time wise, assisted in advocacy efforts, and that we should bring Michael back for the Legislative Seminar in February. A vote was taken shortly after discussion and after all questions were answered. Mid-State made the motion to approve Michael Miller as the speaker for the 2021 Legislative Seminar, Chippewa Valley seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
5. **Officer Reports at 9:23 a.m. –**
* Justin Skubal, AFO, shared the AFO Report dated November 11, 2020. WSG checking balance was $20,911.32 and savings balance was $14,933.42, for a total of $35,844.74. Revenue for this period totaled $682.66; Expenditures totaled $1,555.17.
* Ann Ilagan shared the President’s Report, which consisted of her describing the opportunity she had to reach out to Governor Evers to be a speaker at a future meeting, but she has not heard anything back just yet. Then due to some personal circumstances, Ann was unable to make it to the WTCS board meeting on Wednesday, November 11, so Queenie Weesen, Vice President, went in her place. Queenie presented her takeaways from that meeting as well as what she found interesting and important.
* Vicky Weiland gave the Resource Director’s Report, which consisted of her explaining the backup plan for WSG if something were to ever happen to her. John Steele was granted all the WSG passwords and information so that we could still access all accounts and keep WSG in motion if a tragedy were to happen to Vicky. Vicky also wanted to let everyone know that if anyone has any questions regarding WSG, to feel free to shoot her an email or a text and she would be more than willing to answer them.
* Timothy Krieger from Southwest Technical College provided a brief update on the website. This report consisted of Timothy explaining all the changes he has made to the website and changes of which he plans to make, such as having our priorities added to the homepage as well as moving pictures around and reformatting. Timothy also explained his plan to clean up the website a bit and transport some files to an online database.
1. **Proposed Public Relations Officer Position at 9:35 a.m. –** Ann Ilagan reintroduced the proposed PR officer position as discussed at the October meeting. Justin Skubal read over the proposal, and explained the timeline as suggested from the executive team, which consisted on voting in January to add the position to the bylaws, and then voting on the updated bylaws in February, followed by elections for the position in April. Justin then asked for discussion and feedback, only hearing Blackhawks proposal to vote on the position at this time rather than in January as well as a question regarding the position at hand. Moraine Park made a motion to add this position into our bylaws, Blackhawk seconded the motion. The motion to add the position was approved. Another motion was made to add the proposed description of the PR position to the bylaws. Blackhawk moved to add the description, Milwaukee Area seconded the motion. The motion to add the description was approved.
2. **Logo and Slogan Contest at 9:46 a.m. –** Queenie Weesen reintroduced the logo and slogan contest that was introduced at the October meeting. At this time, Queenie went over the timeline created by the executive team and explained all of the contest rules. Prizes include $100 for the best logo and $50 for the best slogan.
	* The timeline consisted of all entries due to Vicky via email, no later than January 6, 2021; All entries will be reviewed by the membership at the January 8, 2021 meeting and then brought back to respective colleges for feedback; The top 3 entries will be selected at the February 22, 2021 meeting and then brought back to respective colleges for feedback; Finally, the winners of the contest will be selected at the April 16, 2021 meeting to be put in place effective July 1, 2021.

(All documents, including a copy of the timeline , the copyright contract, and the list of rules will be sent via email with the meeting summary).

**At this point, Ann Ilagan had to step out, Queenie Weesen ran the rest of the meeting in Ann’s place.**

1. **WTCS Information at 9:56 a.m. –** Brandon Trujillo, WTCS Policy Advisor, gave a brief update and presented a presentation on the election results and changes in Senate and Assembly. Included in this was Wisconsin’s voter turnout, national voter turnout, details on Legislative Leadership changes for both Senate and Assembly for both the Democratic and Republican parties, information about Senator Dave Hansen (who spoke later in the meeting), and lastly, Wisconsin grant recommended changes. This presentation was emailed by Brandon, himself, via email using the communications list. Any questions can be sent via email or through text using Brandon’s contact information at the end of the presentation.
2. **What’s Unique About Your College? At 10:10 a.m. –** Madison Technical College presented what makes them unique from other technical colleges in Wisconsin. Details include that Madison Technical College has a textbook program that is one of few in the nation where it is fully paid and funded through fundraising efforts and donations. Another unique attribute is that all art was done by Black, Hispanic, and Hmong artists – Meaning a very unique campus culture.

Northeastern Technical College volunteered to present at the January 8, 2021 meeting.

1. **Break at 10:15 a.m. –** Mid-State moved for a 10 minute recess; Blackhawk seconded the motion. A 10 minute break was approved.
2. **Governor’s Reports at 10:25 a.m. –** Queenie Weesen called the meeting back into order.

Governors in attendance gave a brief 2-3 minute update on what is happening at each of their respective colleges. Details are included at the end of minutes.

**10:54 a.m.** At this point, Queenie Weesen proposed to move along with the agenda items as Senator Dave Hansen was not present yet. Moraine Park moved to skip to the 2021 Legislative Seminar Updates and Information; Northeast WI seconded the motion. The motion to skip the Legislative Visit until later was approved.

**10:55 a.m.** Senator Dave Hansen joined us at this time.

**10:55 a.m.** Queenie Weesen proposed to move back to the legislative visit to be courteous of Senator Hansen’s time. Blackhawk moved to go back; Chippewa Valley seconded. The motion to continue the agenda in order was approved.

1. **Legislative Visit at 10:56 a.m. –** Joseph Richter of NWTC introduced Senator Dave Hansen of the Democratic Party, representing District 30. During this time, Representative Hansen spoke about what is happening in Madison with the current situation as well as a brief discussion on how to advocate for our priorities at the Legislative Seminar. Senator Hansen also mentioned that he had a meeting later today with Governor Evers and he will be putting in a good word for us for our priorities. After a short Q&A session, Senator Hansen left us with the following quote:

*“Politics is not about power. Politics is not about money. Politics is not about winning for the sake of winning. Politics is about the improvement of people’s lives.” –* Former Senator from Minnesota

1. **2021 Legislative Seminar Updates and Information at 11:19 a.m. –**
* Legislative Committee Rankings
	+ Vicky Wieland discussed the 2020-2021 Committee Assignments for all colleges. The rankings for these committees are as followed:
		- **Planning Committee:** Madison, Chippewa Valley, Fox Valley, Northeast WI, and Southwest
		- **Certificates:** Blackhawk
		- **Position Papers:** Western and Mid-State
		- **Photography Effort:** Moraine Park
		- **Evaluations:** Gateway
		- **Lobby Games:** Northcentral
* Legislative Planning Committee Updates
	+ Charles Dreher of Fox Valley Technical College presented a brief overview and update of their meeting earlier in the week. They determined that 4 hours would be perfect for the Legislative Seminar – leaning toward 10-2ish. Dr. Foy, WTCS President will be in attendance in February. The lobby games will have to be virtual with all materials possibly mailed to each participant. They are currently looking at all options for an external platform instead of WebEx/Zoom.
* Lobby Games Updates
	+ Alicia Hoffmann of Northcentral Technical College gave a brief update on how lobby games will be done. She mentioned that they were in contact with last years organizers and have been formatting their plans to be similar, while adapting to the virtual format. They are looking for advisors to serve as mock-legislators to help out with the lobby games. If interested, contact Krista of NTC. Prizes and distribution are still under construction at this time.
* January Committee Updates
	+ Vicky Weiland gave two quick updates for the Legislative Seminar. At the January meeting, each committee will provide an update on where they’re at and if they’re ready to go or have any questions, so everything is worked out before February. Additionally, there will be a WSG meeting following the Legislative Seminar to discuss other information. A rough-draft of the position paper will be presented in January.
1. **Virtual Tour of NWTC at 11:35 a.m. –** Joseph Richter of NWTC shared a short, 2 minute video about the unique partnership of NWTC, Marinette campus and UW Green Bay, Marinette. The video can be found on the NWTC website (<https://www.nwtc.edu/about-nwtc/places/marinette-campus/marinette-area-higher-education-coalition>).
2. **Evaluate Virtual WSG Meetings for future improvement at 11:39 a.m. –** Queenie Weesen asked the assembly if anyone had any input or opinions on what they liked about the virtual format of meetings or what could be better. The following information was discussed: Why we use different platforms each meeting – determined by the hosting college; How the voting process could be improved as it is a little awkward to speak over each other. A brief period of time for some training on how to use the virtual platform before the meeting.

**All remaining WSG meetings will be in the virtual format through June 30, 2021.**

1. **Announcements at 11:48 a.m. –** The next meeting is Friday, January 8, 2021.
2. **Adjournment at 11:50 a.m. –** Moraine Park moved to adjourn the meeting; Blackhawk seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Justin Skubal, AFO

**Governor’s Report Details:**

**Blackhawk:** Hosted a couple professional speaker for students for the National Leadership Society. Did a multi-cultural alliance/SGA virtual conference with the YWCA for racial justice. Student Government is working on a food drive – Student Cupboard, goal is 400 pounds this month. Have COVID testing out in front of central campus using the National Guard - Student Government and clubs provide lunches for them. Reverse trick-or-treat to all staff at college – 320 people; Each staff member received a goody bag with a thank you note. Thanks to Gateway, they are hosting Trivia nights and Kahoot. Thanks to Gateway for allowing one student from Blackhawk to participate in one trivia game.

**Chippewa Valley:** Family literacy event was hosted for families via Facebook. Diversity speaker was brought in as a motivational speaker for a virtual session. Engaged with students through another professional speaker with their “Building Rockstar” Leadership program. Big buck and doe board for hunters to show off their trophies. Pre-finals activities are starting on campus such as virtual sketch artists, and other fun things.

**Fox Valley:** Food service on campus is suspended until further notice due to lack of participation from COVID. Vending machines are still available. The bookstore is transitioning from Barnes and Noble to eCampus due to problems with Barnes and Nobles online services this semester. DECA club has been collecting non-perishable food items – collected 351 total items for non-profit. The executive board had an online board game night on Wednesday to help build connections with one another. To increase attendance at SGA assembly meetings, they have been giving out Amazon gift cards as an incentive to come to meetings. Then to increase enrollment in the future, they will be adding a few new programs for students to take within the next couple of years – Data Analyst program and Surgical Tech program.

**Gateway:** USG-Spectacular Facebook contest had 13 entries submitted by students with the first place prize being a $50 gift card. Hosted their monthly trivia contest via Zoom. For Native America history, a Nominee history and language event was held earlier this month and then a food event will be held next week. For Veteran’s month, they held a red shirt day to remind people of our heroes overseas. Virtual movie discussion about *The Outpost* 2020 – 23 copies of the movie were sent to student’s homes that signed-up for this discussion. They are celebrating first general family week all this week with a variety of online events. Hosting a book club called “Between the Lines” – with 3 group options for students and staff to join. USG hosted an intention bracelet making event yesterday – bracelets will be delivered to student’s homes. 124 students that signed-up received a DIY Bath-Bomb kit to make and use them prior to finals. Lastly, one student club is sponsoring a DIY poinsettia making night to be completed later this month.

**Lakeshore:** Held a conference for students to test to see where their strengths are at and to explain how they are able to use their strengths to succeed. Held a training session for their student leadership board – “Making the most of your 24/7 time/using time effectively”. As a student leadership board, they are posing a restructure to their government – expands leadership from 3 positions to 7; and they are changing the process of elections to an application process to make it more appealing to the publics eye. Hosting a Facebook Live, student panel event next week, talking to those watching and encouraging people to come to interact. Also, they are doing trivia time online - $150 in prizes. They did a Veteran’s Day outreach, where they got 50 cards delivered to vets as a Thank you. The Medical Assistant club is collecting food for the Salvation Army and working with their culinary club for the common goal. Inter-Varsity group is doing a GoFundMe to support their student food share program.

**Madison:** Their campus will be completely closed starting Thanksgiving through the start of the next semester in January. There will be a student forum next week to allow for members of the administration to talk about the spring semester and talk about how faculty are preparing, and what is going to be like going forward with athletics and other programs. Members of their senate have been remaining active with their students through virtual office hours – hang out in this virtual window and allow others to come up and talk with them. Senate has just created a Racial and Equity Committee – meant to address racial issues – Still in the planning stages.

**Mid-State:** Hospitality Management program is now an educational institutional member of the Wisconsin Hotel and Lodging Association, which exposes students to a wide range of careers and enables them to create relationships and help them to stay up to date with industry trends. Launching a new nail technician technical diploma in the spring. Last month, a workshop was held to normalize asking which pronouns people prefer to use. Next week, they will hold an interviewing strategy seminar to help students develop and improve their interviewing skills and maximize their career potential.

**Milwaukee Area:** Held a virtual career fair for veterans online for Veteran’s Day. Also, a lot of activities for Native American Heritage month – celebrated with PBS, including with short films, a Native American storyteller, and a Native America dance demonstration as well. Cafeteria on campus is offering online ordering for most items. They are continuing to increase their online presence and activities to remain safe.

**Moraine Park:** They have end of fall semester events such as Bingo, make and take events, holiday treats and movie days. The drive in movie from Halloween made $500! This week they had volunteers that spent the day caregiving for senior citizens. Also, they have had virtual Trivia, and a very popular photo contest. They have hosted their first international meeting for their international club!

**Northcentral:** Provided voter registration information and continued support for students and staff regarding registration and details, while also engaging everyone to vote earlier this month. They continued to provide a variety of virtual activities to keep students engaged. Successful events include, crosswords, scrabble challenges, doodle sessions, and livestream trivia. Recognizing international stress awareness week, they provided tools and hosted a guided meditation session for students. They student leaders are collaborating with college leadership to find additional ways to combat pandemic fatigue.

**Northeast WI:** Lecture based classes are continuing to be held virtually and they will continue in this fashion for the start of the spring semester. The student involvement office continues to offer virtual engagement opportunities for students and their families. They had a great turn out for their Halloween themed magic show/trivia contest. They celebrated Veteran’s Day – Offered a live make and mail dog tag event where students were able to join via WebEx and watch their customized dog tags be made.

**Southwest:** They have been working on some special projects hosted by their Holiday Project Committee, such as making Thanksgiving meal kits, and winterizing your vehicle event. Another project hosted by this committee is where they help students that have dependents at their college – students that are enrolled that have children or that others depend on and have a financial need, they provide them with holiday meal kits ($40-$50), per each dependent – full set of clothes, and a gift value of ($40-$50). As a student senate they voted to have $5,000 for this project – Goal of 50 families, they have reached 30 already!

**Western:** They held a pumpkin/costume contest – 3 winners received a gift card. Student Government is working with Vice-President of Academics to develop a new excused absence policy. Student Government administered a new student fee survey to get more of a general idea of where students want their money to be spent. They just launched their student reserve fund fundraiser where students donate $5 and then they can go to an app on their phone that tracks their steps and the more steps, the more points. The 1st place winner received a $2000 gift card and the 2nd place winner receives a $1000 gift car. They are in the process of running a few holiday programs such as Trivia, Jeopardy, and a tree decorating contest and a cookie decorating contest for students to take pictures and to post on their social media to decide a winner. Their student legislative affairs are updating their constitution and bylaws.