**Wisconsin Student Government**

**Meeting Minutes**

January 8, 2021

1. **Call to order –** Ann Ilagan, President, called the virtual meeting to order at **9:01 a.m.** on January 8, 2021. Northcentral Technical College hosted this virtual meeting via Zoom.
2. **Roll call at 9:01 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** |  |
| **Mid-State** | X | **Western** | X |
| **Milwaukee Area** | X | **Wisconsin Indianhead** |  |

1. **Introductions and Welcome at 9:04 a.m. –**

* Ann Ilagan introduced Dr. Lori Weyers, President of NTC.
  + Dr. Weyers provided a warm welcome and held an extensive discussion of Law [36.31](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/36/31/1) and how this law needs to change. Her discussion also touched on equity and the priorities of the President’s Association to make higher education and achieving goals for students easier. Dr. Weyers also spoke about the budget of the President’s Association and our priorities as WSG representatives, as well as sharing a few inspiring personal stories.

1. **Robert’s Rules of Order Overview at 9:28 a.m. –** Jean-Anne Schulze, Parliamentarian, gave a brief overview of Robert’s Rules of Order. Included in this was a reminder of how voting and motions work (Governors have the colleges only vote). Also included in this was also a simple Zoom training and how this meeting will be run using the “Hand Raise” function for making a motion and for discussion.
2. **Approval of Agenda for January 8, 2021 Meeting at 9:34 a.m. –** Ann Ilagan addressed the current agenda and asked for a motion for approval. Milwaukee Area moved to approve the current agenda, Northcentral seconded the motion. The January 8, 2021 meeting agenda was approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2020 Meeting at 9:35 a.m. –** Ann Ilagan addressed the November minutes and asked for a motion for approva. Northeast WI moved to approve the minutes; Milwaukee Area seconded the motion. The November 13, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.
4. **WTCS Information at 9:37 a.m. –** Brandon Trujillo, WTCS Policy Advisor, gave a presentation addressing tuition and how a workgroup meets every year. He shared a slide to show the difference in credit costs between years. Brandon discussed that the workgroup is interested in hearing how the increase in cost per credit affects students and the ability to take a full, 12-credit course load. During this time, Brandon held a short break from his presentation for questions and comments from students. It was encouraged that students and advisors take this information back to their Student Senates and discuss, then email any input, questions, or opinions that may arise to Brandon for him to present to the WTCS committee in March. Brandon then went on to present federal updates for H.R. 133 the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2021, and the budget process for the State of Wisconsin. (All information is located at <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/>; Brandon’s presentation will also be sent out to advisors).

Brandon then shared a brief introduction of our Legislative guest for later in this meeting, Representative Patrick Snyder, and showed us where to find all information for all Legislative Representatives (<https://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov/>).

1. **Officer Reports at 10:12 a.m. –**

* Justin Skubal, AFO, shared the AFO Report dated January 5, 2021. WSG checking balance was $19,711.32 and savings balance was $14,933.42, for a total of $34,644.74. There were no revenues for this period; Expenditures totaled $1,200 (The AFO report as well as an itemized list of revenues and expenditures can be found on the website: <https://wsgtech.com/>).
* Ann Ilagan shared the President’s Report, which consisted of a brief update letting everyone know that we are still in the process of getting someone in to address and speak at the Legislative Seminar. We have been in contact with the Lieutenant Governor’s assistant.
* Vicky Weiland gave a quick update on the website on behalf of Timothy Krieger, who was unable to be at this meeting. Vicky presented that Timothy has begun the transition of moving older documents to Google Docs to clean up the website a bit. Vicky also presented that Timothy is updating the events and working on the photo gallery, as well as creating a link to go directly to Legislative Seminar for when the time comes in February.
* Vicky Weiland gave the Resource Director’s Report, which consisted of her explaining that the advisor meeting normally held during the Legislative Seminar will no longer be happening during the Zoom meeting that day, but rather it be held at a different time. Further details about this will be sent to the advisors in early February. Vicky also discussed that the budgets for next year are going to be reduced and talked about how we can be more cost-effective and produce that face-to-face interactions for next year. Also, Vicky is now in the process of sending out 1099-NEC forms to anyone of which WSG has paid for a service within the last year, and she is filing all necessary paperwork with the federal government. Vicky’s last request was that the participants of WSG and the advisors go and make sure that all information on the WSG communications list is accurate and up to date to ensure that all information is received by all participants of WSG.

1. **Logo and Slogan Contest at 10:19 a.m. –** Ann Ilagan gave an update on the logo and slogan contest which consisted of Ann explaining that we have no entries for the slogan and very few entries for the logo. The executive board made the decision to extend the turn-in date to February 15th in hopes that we receive more entries for this contest (The entry form, revised timeline, and rule information can be found on the website).
2. **Approval of Bylaws updates to reflect PR position at 10:22 a.m. –** Ann Ilagan introduced all the new updates in our bylaws relating to the newest PR position on the executive team that will be put into effect at the meeting in April. Vicky Weiland and Ann highlighted all the updates in our bylaws and explained what was changed. At this time, a question relating to possible compensation of the position was asked and Vicky explained that compensation is a topic that could be discussed in the future. This topic was encouraged to be added to a future agenda by a student. A vote to approve the changes to the bylaw was requested by Ann, moved by Blackhawk, and seconded by Fox Valley. The updates to the WSG bylaws was approved.
3. **Break at 10:35 a.m. –** A 10 minute break was taken at this time.
4. **Virtual Tour of NTC at 10:45 a.m. –** Ann called the meeting back to order. A short video was then presented about Northcentral Technical College and what it has to offer for students.
5. **Governor’s Reports at 10:51 a.m. (Part 1) –** Governors in attendance gave a brief 2-3 minute update on what is happening at each of their respective colleges. The Governor Reports were split in half as Representative Patrick Snyder was on a tight time schedule. Details are included at the end of minutes. The following colleges gave their updates before our legislative visit.

* Northcentral
* Southwest
* Northeast WI
* Western
* Blackhawk

1. **Legislative Visit at 11:02 a.m. –** Ann Ilagan introduced Representative Patrick Snyder of the Republican Party, representing District 85. During this time, Ann presented our priorities for this current year and Representative Snyder spoke about his positive feelings towards our priorities. During this time, Representative Snyder also answered questions in depth that the assembly had relating to our priorities. If any other questions arise, Representative Snyder encouraged students to reach out to his office and he would be more than happy to speak with them.

1. **Governor’s Reports at 11:30 a.m. (Part 2) –** Governors in attendance gave a brief 2-3 minute update on what is happening at each of their respective colleges. The Governor Reports were split in half as Representative Patrick Snyder was on a tight time schedule. Details are included at the end of minutes. The following colleges gave their updates after our legislative visit.

* Chippewa Valley
* Fox Valley
* Gateway

**Governor’s Reports (Part 2) Continued.**

* Lakeshore
* Mid-State
* Milwaukee Area
* Moraine Park

1. **What’s Unique about NWTC? –** Due to unforeseen circumstances, NWTC will be presenting what is unique about their school at the February meeting.
2. **Break at 11:42 a.m. –** A short 5 minute break was taken at this time.
3. **2021 Legislative Seminar Updates and Information at 11:48 a.m. –** Ann Ilagan called the meeting back to order.

* Planning Committee: Shasta Chamberlain from Chippewa Valley gave a short update on behalf of the Legislative Seminar Planning Committee. Details of her report are as followed: The planning committee created a detailed schedule/timeline of what the Legislative Seminar will look like; materials will be sent out before the seminar. A brief discussion of how to sound professional and get the points across was also brought up. Zoom will most likely be the platform for the Legislative Seminar – One college will be Zoom moderator and compensation for this will be rewarded (NTC has stepped up and will be receiving free registration up to a certain amount).
  + Vicky Weiland suggested to open up for any changes and discussion about the agenda at hand and after an extended deliberation, a few adjustments were made, and the updated agenda was moved by Fox Valley for approval and seconded by Northcentral. The updated 2021 Legislative Seminar agenda was approved.
* Position Paper: Dan Herder from Mid-State presented a draft of the position paper that will be used when presenting the WSG Priorities at the Legislative Seminar. The main focus for the paper was to keep everything on one page, double-sided so that it is easy to handle, and skim as needed. Included on this position paper was a brief overview of WSG, an overview of the WTCS, persuasive statistics and data, and our 3 positions.
  + Dan opened the floor for any suggested updates or questions from the assembly. After a few changes were brought forth, Ann Ilagan entertained approval of the final position paper, Chippewa Valley moved for approval and Fox Valley seconded. At this time, a student suggested more time to look the paper over before making it official. After a brief discussion, it was decided that 15 additional minutes would be given for review of the position paper.

**12:35 p.m. –** Ann Ilagan entertained a motion at this time to extend the meeting by 30 minutes to allow for time to look over the position paper. Milwaukee Area moved the motion, Northeast WI seconded the motion. The motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes was approved.

**12:40 p.m. –** At this time, Ann Ilagan gave the assembly 15 minutes to read over the position paper and determine what changes need to be made. No vote was taken.

**12:55 p.m. –** Ann Ilagan opened the floor back up for discussion relating to the position paper. At this time the assembly gave Dan from Mid-State their honest opinions of the paper. All suggestions mentioned by the assembly were taken into consideration and updated as needed.

* + After all changes and updates were made, Ann entertained a motion to approve the final changes to the position paper. Moraine Park moved the motion, Fox Valley seconded. The updated position paper was approved.
  + The final copy of the position paper will be emailed out to the membership as well as become available on the website and on social media for easy access.
* Registration Information/Deadlines: Vicky Weiland gave a report in regard to directly mailing all promotional items and information to all participants’ houses before the seminar. Vicky is working with 4-Imprint and the executive team to determine which promotional items will be sent out. At this point in time, the executive team and the planning committee has agreed on sending facemasks and a coffee mug out. It will cost about $800 to direct mail the promotional items to all participants’ homes.
  + Vicky has requested the mailing address for each participant, as well as their email so that we can send out all documents as needed. In order to ensure that the participants get the promotional items before the seminar, we would need to submit the names and addresses within the next two and half weeks. After determining how important it was to get the promotional items in advance, it was recommended to leave the original deadline, February 5th.
* Committee Updates: Vicky Weiland presented the original committee assignments for each college. Vicky went down the list and asked each college for an update as followed:
  + Certificates of Appreciation – Blackhawk: May need a bigger budget for mailing.
  + Position Paper – Mid-State/Western: Good to go.
  + Photography Committee – Moraine Park: Since in virtual format, it has been suggested to take screenshots of everyone with their cameras on to post, etc. Requested names of all participants after final registration.
  + Speaker Host – Lakeshore: Still figuring things out – meeting next week and will get back to us.
  + Seminar Evaluation – Gateway: Good to go.
  + Lobby Games – Northcentral: Zoom breakouts – Need advisors to step forward and serve as mock reps/judges. Currently have 5/10 needed. Prizes for lobby games will be Kwik Trip gift cards.

1. **Presentation of the 1st Draft of the 2021-2022 WSG Budget at 1:28 p.m. –** Vicky Weiland explained that the resource director creates the proposed budget and voting for the budget will be happening in April. Vicky described what the new budget for the 2021-2022 school year will look like and will be sending out a copy of this budget for further review in the near future. She requests that after reviewing the budget, that all input is shared with her at the February meeting.
2. **Interactive Activity – “Telling Your Story” at 1:34 p.m. –** Ann Ilagan introduced this interactive activity that falls hand-and-hand with our position paper. Everyone, including the advisors were split into small groups for 10 minutes and during this time everyone connected their own personal experience with at least one of the three priorities. This was a good warm-up activity for preparing for the Legislative Seminar.
3. **Announcements at 1:49 p.m. –** The next meeting is Monday, February 22, 2021, directly after the Legislative Seminar.

**Now is the time to contact your Representatives and set up your meetings for the Legislative Seminar!**

1. **Adjournment at 1:51 p.m. –** Fox Valley moved to adjourn the meeting; Moraine Park seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Justin Skubal, AFO

**Governor’s Report Details:**

**Northcentral:** A new arcade system was added to the den on campus with a ton of games – socially distanced for the safety of students and staff. A multi-sports simulator was also added to campus for students to enjoy as well. This simulator has motion trackers on its equipment to imitate a live performance of the sports. Launched a virtual student discussion board in collaboration with Phi Theta Kappa to create connections similar to hallway interactions – well received. As the spring semester is starting, a lot of tryouts and tournaments are happening with E-sports.

**Southwest:** Their holiday project helped 37 families over the holiday with meals! Classes for spring semester start up on the 18th of January. They are hoping to push for more in-person classes on campus. Once classes start, an exhibit called “The Newest Americans” will be used to highlight newly nationalized citizens with photography and interviews. Their respect pledge to help create a safer and more respectable environment for all the students that will be coming back to Southwest tech for classes will be back into effect. The start of Black History and Women’s History month and mental health awareness will be coming in the near future. They will also be revamping some of their bylaws for the upcoming semester.

**Northeast WI:** Had roughly 150 students participate in their December virtual commencement ceremony. More than 400 people watched it live through YouTube premier. They are exploring a variety of options for the May commencement ceremony – possibly held outdoors. Engaging virtual activities that will be happening include: the RISE leadership and virtual BINGO. Virtual classes for the most part will continue for the spring semester.

**Western:** Nothing new to report at this time.

**Blackhawk:** Student Government hosts general assembly meetings once per month – virtually, where all clubs get together with the Student Government and talk about business as usual. Several clubs donated lunches to COVID testing staff - Blackhawk students tried to assist in colleges effort to provide COVID testing to their community. An event happened back in December where the Student Nurses Association and other clubs put on holiday story-telling, Trivia, prize wheel, pajama contest, and more. They held a virtual lunch-and-learn where they gave out prizes for participating in this event, which were Subway gift certificates, so the lunch part fell in with the theme. They talked about sexism and allyship in the workplace. They held two Ted Talks and other things for students.

**Chippewa Valley:** Hosted a pre-finals week of activities for students virtually; included in this was the ‘word of the day’ contest held via Canvas, Pictionary, puzzles, a virtual sketch artist, a scavenger hunt, and more. Pre-finals week was a success!

**Fox Valley:** New Governor and Lieutenant Governor representing the school. Before winter break, an ugly sweater contest was held at their last general assembly meeting – gave out a $20 gift card to the winner with the ugliest sweater. DECA club is currently collecting items to donate to the Salvation Army to help out people that can’t afford clothes. They have 3 current vacancies on the executive board. School will be closed until January 18th and all winterim classes will be held virtually. School’s website has been updated with a completely new overhaul. CEO club hosted a chili give-away where students had to guess how much the ingredients were to make the chili and the winner with the closest guess won a festival gift card.

**Gateway:** PTA club held a virtual yoga class for anyone to join. Student Life is offering spring goodies to be mailed to student’s houses that include items such a facemasks and other goodies for students to enjoy. Hosting a Facebook contest with the theme ‘Winter Wonderland’ – submissions due by January 29th and voting will be happening February 1st until the 5th via Facebook. The DEI book club is currently continuing their book and will be starting a new book soon. A watch party will be happening on January 20th. The first meeting of the semester will be held on January 20th as well. Trivia time will be held on February 4th for students and families with February themed categories. Campus ambassador applications are open now through January 26th. The 2021 ambassador award will be presented through a watch party on February 17th.

**Lakeshore:** 253 food bags were prepped for students before winter break, which was supported by Sheboygan County Food Bank, LTC Foundation, and InterVarsity Student Foundation GoFundMe. Held a successful online trivia event – awarded $250 of gift card prizes to students. LTC celebrated graduates with a virtual celebration plus a drive-thru option – graduates drove through automated lab one family at a time and then the graduates and the family could get out and take photos at the decorated graduate backdrop. The LTC President, district board members and other office staff greeted graduates, social distanced and with masks. The LTC student leadership board sponsored graduation gifts, like LTC license plate holders, and knitted caps. Student connections event was featured live with leadership training with Dave Kelly.

**Mid-State:** Held a variety of virtual activities during fall semester’s final week – included in this was a scavenger hunt, BINGO, equity and inclusion categories, trivia contest, and an online screening of *The Christmas Chronicles 2.* Celebrated graduation on December 19th, with 2 socially distanced ceremonies – 1 for the spring 2020 graduates and the other for the fall 2020 graduates – drive in style with winter themed decorations and speeches on a stage set up in the parking lot. Graduates and guests viewed from their cars with a help of a large screen to display the stage and audio via the radio. There were fireworks to mark the moment when the degrees were conferred. Each graduate was driven up to the stage and they got to walk across the stage to receive recognition from college leadership. The event was also livestreamed on the Mid-State YouTube page.

**Milwaukee Area:** Wisconsin National Guard on campus in person. Held a virtual candy cane lane tour, county Christmas wagon ride, 2020 virtual Canada Pacific holiday train, The Nutcracker movie showing, virtual sing-along with Hudson Valley, Native American storytelling, virtual play – *A Christmas Carol* was presented, suicide prevention training, virtual coffee house for veterans and military spouses to chat online, Heart of Hall-of-Famer, Christmas cookie decorating to go, virtual tour of National Museum of the American Indian, virtual tour of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s home is coming up in January and various Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. videos and his iconic speeches will be presented, virtual tour of Museum of African America History and Culture. Participation with MLK celebrations with Milwaukee County Public Libraries will take place this month.

**Moraine Park:** Held end of semester activities for students across all campuses, including BINGO, take and bake events, and their popular photo contest. Had a Halloween drive-in movie which made $500 for the United Way. Volunteering opportunities also happened for West Bend senior citizens – raking leaves and such. Virtual trivia games also happened during the end of the semester week.