**Wisconsin Student Government**

**Meeting Minutes**

February 22, 2021

1. **Call to order –** Ann Ilagan, President, called the virtual meeting to order **at 3:11** **p.m.** on February 22, 2021. Northcentral Technical College hosted this virtual meeting directly following the Legislative Seminar, via Zoom.
2. **Roll call at 3:11 p.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** |  | **Wisconsin Indianhead** |  |

1. **Approval of Agenda for February 22, 2021 Meeting at 3:13 p.m. –** Ann Ilagan addressed the current agenda and made a motion for approval. Fox Valley moved to approve the current agenda; Moraine Park seconded the motion. The February 22, 2021 meeting agenda was approved.
2. **Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2021 Meeting at 3:15 p.m. –** Ann addressed the January meeting minutes and made a motion for approval. Gateway moved to approve the minutes; Madison seconded the motion. The January 8, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.
3. **WSG Purpose and Mission at 3:17 p.m. –** Queenie Weesen, Vice President, gave a brief refresher of the purpose and mission of WSG (Both of which can be found on the website: <https://wsgtech.com/>).
4. **Officer Reports at 3:19 p.m. –**
* Justin Skubal, AFO, shared the AFO Report dated February 20, 2021. WSG checking balance was $16,552.73 and savings balance was $14,933.42 (no change), for a total of $31,486.15. There were no revenues for this period; Expenditures totaled $3,158.59. Note: Legislative Seminar registration revenue for 2021 will be reflected in the April meeting AFO Report (The AFO report as well as an itemized list of revenues and expenditures can be found on the website: <https://wsgtech.com/>).
* Vicky Weiland shared the Resource Director’s Report, which consisted of her announcing that she has received some of the checks from colleges that have participated in the Legislative Seminar, and more are on the way; she plans to make a deposit within the next month or so. Vicky also gave a brief update on the website on behalf of Timothy from Southwest Tech, and she encourages students to check out the updates online. Also, during this time, Vicky gave a reminder to submit photos for the Photography Committee via email, and she talked about the advisor meeting held last week where future dates and locations for next year’s WSG meetings were discussed. These dates and locations will need to be approved at the April meeting. Lastly, Vicky presented an intro to the officer elections, which are talked about later within this meeting.
1. **WTCS Information and Updates at 3:24 p.m. –** Brandon Trujillo, WTCS Policy Advisor, presented additional legislative updates, including both federal and state levels. For federal updates, Brandon talked about the Cares Act – COVID Relief and the Biden Administration - how student loan payments are currently paused and the discharge of student loans (affordability) is not currently supported. For state updates, Brandon explained the recent Governor’s Budget Proposal in detail. In addition to this, Brandon opened the floor up for questions and encourages any more questions regarding his presentation to be directed back to him. (Brandon’s presentation will be sent out to advisors in the near future, with Brandon’s contact information on the last slide).
2. **Logo and Slogan Contest at 3:40 p.m. –** Ann Ilagan and Vicky Weiland presented the submitted logo and slogan entries. A total of 7 logos and 3 slogans were submitted by students and then compiled into a single PowerPoint which will be emailed out along with instructions of how voting will work – Each college gets to vote for their top two choices for both the logo and the slogan. At the April meeting, a final and more formal vote will be held to declare the winner of the contest. The winners will be rewarded once the final decision is made.
3. **Governor Reports at 3:44 p.m. -** 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.
4. **Stipends for Officer Positions/PR Position at 4:03 p.m. –** Ann Ilagan reintroduced the discussion held at the January 8th meeting when potential compensation for WSG officer positions was tabled. Vicky gave some things to consider from an advisor’s perspective thatif stipends are decided for one or all positions, do we have a budget to support this? Who is the HR manager (who will be making sure that things are done properly and efficiently and ‘disciplining’ as needed if someone is not doing their job)? Further discussion will happen at the April meeting.
5. **2021-2022 Budget Proposal – 2nd Review at 4:06 p.m. –** Ann Ilagan introduced the proposed budget and Vicky Weiland explained the budget in detail. Expenses and revenue for this proposed budget are down, but we are in a good place financially. There will be a reduction of at least $1000+ because our membership dues are based on enrollment and enrollment have declined. All colleges were requested to take this budget back to their respective college and share with their representatives and then ask questions, if necessary, before voting at the April meeting.
6. **Identification of Potential Speakers for 2021 Leadership Presenter at 4:09 p.m. –** Ann Ilagan presented a list of 6 potential speakers to use as the leadership presenter for the next school year. If anyone else has any other ideas for a potential speaker for the next fiscal year, please send their name, information, and their speaking cost to Vicky ASAP so that she may do further investigating. This will also be voted on in April.
7. **What’s Unique about NWTC? At 4:11 p.m. –** Drew Valentine from Northeast WI, presented a video about the Green Bay Botanical Garden’s History. The landscape technician students at NWTC are able to use the skills they learned in class on 47 acres at this beautiful location in Green Bay. NWTC is the only Wisconsin accredited college that has this hands-on learning experience offering located at the Botanical Garden site. NWTC students, staff, and faculty all have free access to the gardens. There is also a “Memory Café” located within the Botanical Gardens dedicated to Alzheimer’s and dementia patients.

(The video can be found at: [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TOk2ZCkHTg**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TOk2ZCkHTg)**)**

1. **WSG Officer Elections at 4:19 p.m. –** Vicky Weiland briefly explained the positions including the added PR position, meaning that we will have 5 different colleges representing WSG as officers. If interested in a position, there are some forms that must be filled out and returned - Vicky will be sending the information and forms via email to the advisors. Included within this information are the duties of all positions and the election process (Governors can submit nomination with approval of advisor; Lt. Governors must first get the approval of Governor and advisor before submitting nomination; anyone else from college can submit nomination as long as the Governor and advisor approves). Elections will be held at the April meeting.
2. **Announcements at 4:25 p.m. –** The next meeting is Friday, April 16, 2021, held by Mid-State Technical College.
3. **Adjournment at 4:26 p.m. –** Blackhawk moved to adjourn the meeting; Northcentral seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Justin Skubal, AFO

**Governor’s Report Details:**

**Blackhawk:** The Legislative Seminar certificates will be sent out via email later this week. Started hosting general knowledge Trivia and Disney themed Trivia. Partnered with the Multi-Cultural Alliance for their Black History Month speaker, Dr. Alexander Gee (highly recommended). Clubs had a bunch of conferences and conventions this month: NSLS hosted orientation for new members; BPA has state leadership conference at the end of this week; Health Occupation Students of America club will be attending the 2021 virtual midwinter dental conference.

**Chippewa Valley:** Working a lot virtually – trying to implement monthly discussion posts for student interaction for both clubs and general student body – potentially to win a gift certificate (ex. What have you done for fundraising?, etc.). Held first general assembly meeting of the semester – saw some new faces. Looking for new ideas to help recognize student leaders – If anyone has ideas for student banquets or recognitions, let Chippewa Valley know.

**Fox Valley:** Two weeks ago, they got a new board executive board member filling the position of Member at Large, General. Had a virtual caricature event for students and a Valentine’s Day cookie event where any student that signed up received a dozen cookies and a tub of frosting. The Finance Committee is currently having meeting with department managers to discuss their yearly budgets. At their last general assembly meeting, a person from Student Counseling Services came in and talked about mental health for Mental Health Awareness week. A virtual job fair is coming up next week for students to seek employment opportunities from local businesses. Justin, your current AFO, has been nominated for the WTCS Ambassador Award – the selection process is in progress. Lastly, the executive board at FVTC is getting together to host an Among Us game night, where students of the general assembly can get to know the executive team and have a good time – this will be happening in early March.

**Gateway:** Hosted the 2021 Campus Ambassador watch party on February 17th – the 2021 Campus Ambassador winners were announced live during this. The district winner will represent Gateway at the WTCS Ambassador program in April. USG and Student Life hosted “Dance Like Magic” – students and staff learned new dance moves and had a virtual dance party. Their DEI Book Club “Between the Lines” will be discussing the book *Just Mercy*. For Black History Month, they held a variety of events, with their Friday “listening sessions” being of the most successful – students and staff tune in to learn about a different music genre each week and the impact that black musicians have had on the music industry. In March, they will be hosting “Hear a Better World Awareness” where students learn of the importance of protecting your hearing. Hold monthly Trivia nights. Hosting lots of events for Women’s History and European Heritage Months to offer many opportunities for students to engage.

**Lakeshore:** 250 welcome bags were distributed to students the first few days of the new semester. They approved the restructure of their Student Government, which allows them to have more students able to be involved – more diversity. Held a conference where Dave Kelly presented the secrets of motivation – he will be coming back again in March. Held online Trivia – 5 student winners got a total of $150 in gift card prizes. Had 250+ students share free grocery/meal bags across 8 campus locations. Free snack-attack grab and go bags available in their Student Life office. Learn, Lead, Succeed conference on March 26th.

**Madison:** Currently in the process of updating their 3-year plan, (goals that they strive to achieve over the course of 3 years), still writing goals – voting soon. Also currently recruiting new Senators for the next year. Student Senate if going to submit a budget to the student activities board for approval.

**Mid-State:** Held a Welcome-Week at the end of January for the new semester, where students were given supplies and snacks – during this time, they also held a virtual diversity forum and virtual bingo. Held a virtual global education Trivia on February 11th, focusing on the destinations that they normally go to for their study abroad program – currently not taking place. In the fall of 2021, they will be having a new agri-business agronomy technician program – 26 credits – students will be gaining a deep understanding of the science and technology of using plants as a source of food, they will also acquire specialized skills needed for precision, agriculture applications and regulatory requirements. They will be using the latest technology to help farmers. They have a new culinary arts program – 60 credits – designed for people who want to become a professional chef but have no experience in the industry and want to transition into that career path. Lastly, they remodeled their on-campus salon that they use for their cosmetology and barber programs.

**Moraine Park:** Had a lot of events happening such as make-and-take events, airbrush t-shirts, Valentine’s cookie make-and-takes, keychain making events, and Superbowl activities. They will be hosting a game hour this week, and the Senate will be having a virtual murder mystery bonding night in April.

**Northcentral:** As part of African American History Month, they have been creating and sharing noteworthy artists and the contributions and impacts they’ve made on the music scene. Hosted a related crossword puzzle for a chance to win prizes. Coming up for Women’s History Month, they will be doing similar weekly playlists and hosting related Trivia events. They are hosting Winterfest this week, which includes Howl at the Moon event – where student Timber Wolves literally howled in the cafeteria. Other festivities include spirit day, bingo, finish the lyrics, and a Netflix watch party for the movie *Becoming*.

**Northeast WI:** Planning for outdoor commencement ceremony in May - student involvement team is also ready to move towards another virtual ceremony if needed. At the last Student Senate meeting, the Senate approved an increase in security fees. Student involvement is working on virtual awards as well, such as virtual recognition, which will be held in April for outstanding program students and club members -recognized for hard work and dedication.

**Waukesha:** Hosted some speakers and had some arts and crafts for students to pick up at the bookstore. They also went to “Tiro basion” with students for some fun in the snow.

**Western:** Hosted a winter activity program where students can send in pictures of them doing fun things outside in the snow. Promoting the Western student Twitter account. Just completed “Share the Love” for Valentine’s day – people sent in pictures of who or what they love, and they got gift cards. They sponsored their counseling department self-care and small group programs – had a wide mental health panel coming up in March. They are looking how to involve their regional learning centers more – in the works. At the last general assembly meeting, they proposed changes in the constitution and the bylaws to the general assembly and they will be following up on it next week to check for questions. Lastly, they presented the Student Government budget for next year to the general assembly and will be following up on that as well.