

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
Board Forward Proceedings
December 17, 2012

The Board Forward meeting of the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Board was held on Monday, December 17, 2012, following the regular Board meeting at the WITC–Rice Lake Campus, located at 1900 College Drive, Rice Lake, WI 54868.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairperson, David Minor, called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. with the following Board members present: James Beistle, Chris Fitzgerald, Lorraine C. Laberee, David Minor, James Schultz, Jean Serum, Morrie Veilleux, and Eileen Yeakley. *Aimee Curtis provided notice that she would not be in attendance at this meeting.* WITC employees Bob Meyer and Kim Olson were present during this meeting. In addition, Steve Bitzer, Craig Fowler, Ellen Riely Hauser, Diane Vertin, and guests Debbie Meyer and Diane Schobert were present during a portion of this meeting.

2. OPEN MEETING STATEMENT

Kim Olson, Executive Assistant to the President and Board, read the open-meeting statement: "The December 17, 2012, Board Forward meeting of the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Board, and all other meetings of this Board, are open to the public and in compliance with state statutes. Notice of the meeting was sent to the press on December 13 in an attempt to make the general public of Wisconsin aware of the time, place, and agenda of the meeting."

3. WITC STUDENT SUCCESS PRESENTATION

A PowerPoint presentation was given on Student Success at WITC. Presenters included President Meyer, members of the President's Cabinet (Steve Bitzer, Craig Fowler, Ellen Riely Hauser, and Diane Vertin), as well as guests Debbie Meyer from UW–Extension, Washburn County, and Diane Schobert from Community Enrichment Consulting. The presenters provided information on WITC student success strategies and measuring student success.

Steve Bitzer provided an overview of the services WITC provides for its students in the areas of admissions, tutoring, employment, online, and student life. He also provided information about the WITC bookstores and textbook affordability.

Craig Fowler talked about efforts being made to eliminate financial barriers for our students. Emergency loans (up to \$250 each) were given to 42 students in 2009 and to 69 students in 2012. The 3-year Dreamkeepers grant that WITC received from the Great Lakes Higher Education Pell Grant–eligible students to apply for small grants to use on non-tuition/book expenses such as expenses for propane or cars that break down that come up during the semester that would otherwise keep them from graduating.

Debbie Meyer and Diane Schobert provided an overview of the UW-Extension Financial Capability program that they created. They are the financial coaches for this pilot project that was offered in the fall of 2012 at WITC-Rice Lake and will expand to WITC-New Richmond in the spring term of 2013. The goal of this project is to provide students with a basic understanding of the financial tools and practices that lead to their stronger long-term economic stability. Three basic workshops were offered on emotional spending, credit management, and short-term/long-term savings, as well as one-on-one financial coaching. A total of 181 students participated in the fall workshops. The long-term goals for this project are to reduce the student loan default rate, increase the student retention rate, and increase the student graduation rate. Handouts were provided at the meeting.

Ellen Riely Hauser talked about Academic Program Review, Program Viability, and other ways the College measures student success. A handout was provided at the meeting.

Diane Vertin provided updates on Student Learning Assessment, The Learning Commons, Educational Technology Centers, Online Learning, and Career Pathways.

President Meyer gave an update on International Education activities. He circulated the December 2012/January 2013 edition of *Positively Superior* magazine to share with the Board an article entitled "Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Goes Global".

4. ACCT LEADERSHIP CONGRESS ATTENDEE REPORTS AND MATERIAL SHARING


Time was reserved for sharing information and materials received at the ACCT Leadership Congress in October 2012. Written sessions notes and materials were submitted by WITC Board and administration attendees prior to the meeting and were included in the electronic Board Forward meeting folder for this agenda item. Ms. Yeakley, Mr. Beistle, Mr. Veilleux, Mr. Minor, Ms. Laberee, President Meyer, and Ms. Olson reported on the sessions they attended. *Mr. Fitzgerald was excused from the meeting at 2 p.m. He provided the Board with his written session notes from the ACCT Leadership Congress.*

Ms. Serum and Mr. Schultz were excused from the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

5. MEETING EVALUATION/ADJOURNMENT

No input was given on the meeting evaluation agenda item. Board Chair Minor adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lorraine Laberee
Board Secretary

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