CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Legislative Task Force Committee was held on Monday, January 26, 2015, and called to order by Janice Falkenberg at 5:07 p.m. in the Board Room, Room M210, at the Downtown Milwaukee Campus of Milwaukee Area Technical College.

A. ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Lauren Baker, Jason Bauknecht, Ellis Bromberg, Charles Bruders, Janice Falkenberg, Gustavo Hinojosa, Vicki Martin, Camille Nicolai, Cheralyn Randall and Michael Rosen

Members Absent:

Archie Graham and Trevor Kubatzke

Guests:

Greg Hubbard, AJ Wilson and Ramie Zelenkova

B. COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW:

The Legislative Task Force meeting was noticed in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings law.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2014 MEETING:

Ms. Baker moved, and Ms. Randall seconded, that the minutes be approved. The Task Force concurred.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Legislative Update:

   a. Federal:

      America’s College Promise Proposal
      This proposal is aimed at community colleges and students and would provide free tuition at community colleges for qualified students. In order to qualify, students would have to be enrolled at least half-time and maintain a 2.5 GPA while making progress towards their degree or certificate. The requirements for community colleges are that they offer:
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- academic programs that fully transfer credits to local public four-year colleges and universities; or
- occupational training programs with high graduation rates and lead to in-demand degrees and certificates. Community colleges must also adopt promising and evidence-based institutional reforms to improve student outcomes; and
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The federal government will cover 75% of the cost for the proposal while states will be required to cover the remaining 25%. The committee will continue to monitor this issue.

**Advanced Technical Training Fund**
Funds from this initiative will be used to support college and industry partnerships that include work-based learning opportunities, provide accelerated training and are scheduled to accommodate part-time work. The new fund will replace the expired Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant (TAACCCT).

b. **State:**

**Governor Walker Tuition Freeze and Performance Based Funding**
Governor Walker outlined a proposal to be included in his budget. The proposal would freeze technical college tuition for high need occupations. To date, the Governor has offered little details for his proposal. As stated previously, the college is against the tuition freeze, as it has adverse effects for the college. The Task Force will continue to monitor this issue.

c. **Local:**

**Bradley Center**
The committee discussed the possibility of the state and/or city proposing a TID to fund the new arena. The Task Force will continue to monitor the Bucks Arena development.

d. **Grants Update:**
C. Randall reported that the Grants Department has submitted 11 proposals to WTCS totaling $3.2 million. It is expected that the college will be able to serve more than 5,000 students with the grants. Also, the department is considering working with a work group of apprenticeship representatives from the technical colleges, who will be reviewing DOL proposals, to consider partnering on a consortium grant.

The department plans to be a part of the City of Milwaukee 7 designations. The designation allows metro Milwaukee to receive preferential consideration for up to $1.3 billion in federal grant money to be used to accelerate the resurgence of manufacturing in communities nationwide.
2. **Legislative Advocacy Planning**

The Task Force continued to discuss the Legislative Initiatives document which will be presented and expected to be approved by the board at its January 27, 2015 meeting.

E. **Meeting Dates – FY2014-15**

- February 23, 2015
- March 23, 2015
- April 27, 2015
- May 25, 2015 *
- June 22, 2015

*Meeting scheduled for the third week due to holiday

F. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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