

**AHL Attachment 1**

**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD  
ad hoc LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
January 18, 2005**

**STAFF/FACULTY PRESENT:** Christy Brown, Vice President, General Counsel  
Robert Hartung, Vice President, College Advancement  
Michael Sargent, Vice President, Finance  
Janice Falkenberg, Assistant General Counsel

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Tim Elverman, Lobbyist, Broydrick & Associates

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the *ad hoc* Legislative Committee of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in open session on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, and called to order by Chairperson Gobel at 4:39 p.m. in the Board Room, Room M210, at the Milwaukee Campus of Milwaukee Area Technical College.

**ITEM A. ROLL CALL**

Present: Carl (Chuck) Gobel, Lauren Baker, Jeannette Bell

**ITEM B. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW**

The *ad hoc* Legislative Committee meeting was noticed in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

**ITEM C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 13, 2004 – Attachment 1**

Motion It was moved by Ms. Baker, seconded by Ms. Bell, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2004, committee meeting as submitted.

Action Motion passed by unanimous consent.

**ITEM D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**ITEM F. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**2. Information Items**

**a. Lobbying Contract**

Discussion Mr. Gobel asked that this item be moved to the beginning of the agenda.

Mr. Hartung reviewed the history of the lobbying contract with Broydrick & Associates and asked the committee to recommend an extension from January 1, 2005, to July 1, 2005. The extension would include a monthly retainer of \$3,000.

Motion Ms. Bell moved to recommend extension of the contract to the FPO Committee and the board.

Action Motion passed by unanimous consent.

**ITEM E. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Proposed Legislative Task Force**

Discussion At the last meeting there was a discussion as to whether this committee could include members who were not on the board. The state board responded that this would not be appropriate. This committee tabled the matter. The discussion then moved to the establishment of a legislative task force representative of the college's various stakeholders (i.e., students, faculty, administration, staff, and district board). This task force would provide regular reports to the board on its activities.

Mr. Gobel would like the task force defined and described, its role and mission to be clear, and the duration of the task force to be defined. Ms. Bell suggested a legislative representative from the board be on the task force.

Motion Ms. Bell moved, Ms. Baker seconded, that the administration be directed to create a legislative task force comprised of appropriate groups and representatives. One board director will be a representative on the task force.

Action Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Discussion Ms. Baker recommended that the chair of the ad hoc Legislative Committee be the board representative on the task force.

Ms. Bell said the ad hoc Legislative Committee could end with the establishment of the task force.

## **2. Regional Campus Legislative Meetings**

Discussion Mr. Hartung met with regional campus leaders to begin plans for regional campus meetings for their local legislators. He expects these legislative meetings to occur within the next three to four weeks.

## **3. Legislative Update**

### **a. General**

Discussion Ms. Baker distributed "Recent TABOR Press and Background Materials" dated January 2005 from the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association. She reported on the following items:

- The Boards Association passed a resolution opposing a TABOR constitutional amendment.
- WTCS health care proposal that John Gard is circulating.
- Federal issues for ACCT legislative meeting in Washington, D.C.
- There will be a Boards Association legislative seminar in Madison in April.
- There is a website for state-wide marketing that will include advocacy materials.

Mr. Hartung distributed four items: (1) "Property Tax Levy Freeze Bill Being Circulated for Co-Sponsors" dated January 18, 2005, the "2005 Bill" regarding the tax levy, and (2) "Background and Talking Points WTCS Healthcare Curriculum and Admissions Proposal in the Legislative '100 Day Jobs Agenda': Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association January 2005, (3) "AACC Statement on President Bush's Higher Education and Job Training Proposals" released January 14, 2005, and (4) Federal Issues Update as of 1-14-05" from WTCS.

Mr. Elverman distributed an article from the January 15, 2005, *The New York Times* entitled "Bush's Budget Will Seek Modest Rise in Pell Grants" and an article from Stateline.org, "Billion-dollar Deficits Greet Several States."

Mr. Elverman also distributed "Legislative Session Schedule" and documents from *The Wheeler Report* listing members of the Joint Finance Committee, senate and assembly leadership, and senate and assembly committee assignments. He reported on the following items:

- The Governor will introduce his budget the second week of February.

- He reviewed members of the Joint Finance Committee, the leaders of the Senate and Assembly, and the members of the Higher Education and Tourism Committee and the Colleges and Universities Committee of the Assembly.
- Senator Neal Kedzie replaced Senator Lazich as Assistant Majority Leader.
- There is a \$1.2 billion deficit in the current state budget. Medicaid costs account for a significant portion of this deficit.
- The County Executive vetoed legislation presented by the County Board regarding Park East Development and Community Benefits. The MATC Board's position is on record.

**b. Uniform Standards for WTCS Healthcare Occupations**

Discussion Ms. Baker reported that the Boards Association moved in opposition to a bill that would mandate uniform statewide curriculum and admissions for WTCS healthcare programs. Mr. Elverman also recommended that the MATC District Board take a position opposing the uniform standards.

Motion Ms. Baker moved, Ms. Bell seconded, that the board pass a resolution opposing the uniform standards for WTCS healthcare.

Action Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Discussion **c. TABOR Bill (LRB 0467/5)**

Mr. Hartung distributed "TABOR Update and WTCS Talking Points" dated November 2004 from the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association. Senator Frank Lasee's version of TABOR has not received key leadership support from the Assembly. Nevertheless, Mr. Elverman recommended that the board go on record for the new session as being against this version of TABOR. Mr. Gobel will report to the board.

Motion Ms. Baker moved, Ms. Bell seconded, that the board pass a resolution opposing LRB 0467/5.

Action Motion passed by unanimous consent.

**d. Property Tax Levy Freeze Bill (LRB 1634/1)**

Discussion Mr. Elverman presented an overview of this tax levy freeze bill being circulated by Senator Ted Kanavas. Mr. Elverman recommended that the board also oppose this legislation.

Motion Ms. Baker moved, Ms. Bell seconded, that the board pass a resolution opposing LRB 1634/1.

Action Motion passed by unanimous consent.

**ITEM F. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**1. Communications and Petitions**

None.

**2. Information Items**

**a. Lobbying Contract**

See above.

**b. ACCT**

Discussion

Mr. Hartung distributed a summary of the federal issues that will be discussed in Washington, D.C. in February. A more expansive packet will be available as well for the conference.

3, Date of Next Meeting: TBD. The committee secretary will poll the committee and Mr. Elverman for a date. Mr. Elverman suggested that Moira Fitzgerald could attend the meeting if he was not available.

**ITEM G. Old Business/New Business**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The committee adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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College Advancement