CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Legislative Task Force Committee was held on Thursday, October 18, 2012, and called to order by Chairperson Falkenberg at 4:05 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, Charles Bruders, Michael Burke, Timothy Elverman, Janice Falkenberg and Jerry Manz

Members Absent:

Ellis Bromberg, Archie Graham, Trevor Kubatzke Michael Rosen, Marwill Santiago and Adam Stozier

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 September 20, 2012 MEETING:

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

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Legislative Update:

a. Federal:

2013 Federal Budget and Congressional Wrap Up
Mr. Elverman reported that, as expected, Congress approved a six-month Continuing Resolution (CR) that keeps the federal government operating at current levels from October 1, 2012-March 27, 2013. President Obama signed the legislation into law just prior to the October 1 beginning of the new federal fiscal year.

Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT)
Dr. Burke, Ms. Baker and other Board Members attended an ACCT Conference in Boston in early October. Director Baker explained that the Community College Federal Legislative Overview presentation that was distributed to the Task Force came from a workshop that she attended. It gave an overview of the federal budget and described its impact on education funding and programs. Ms. Baker also discussed some of the ways
in which the budget “sequestration process” could impact education funding if it proceeds on January 1, 2013.

b. **State:**

**Be Bold II Report from Competitive Wisconsin**
Mr. Elverman gave an overview of this study that was prepared by *Competitive Wisconsin* and recently released to the public. He noted that the study call for replacing the Governor’s Council on Workforce Investment and the Governor’s Council on Workforce and College Readiness with a new Governor’s Talent Development and Acquisition Council (Talent Council). It calls for providing this new Talent Council with a $100 million Talent Development Fund, and placing the Talent Council in the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). Task Force members noted that after the Be Bold 2 study was released, WEDC was widely criticized in the media for mismanaging loan programs already under its control.

Ms. Baker and others were listed in the report as members of an “Advisory Board”, and were acknowledged and thanked in the report for their advice and insight in contributing to the report. Ms. Baker said she had not seen the report before it was published and that she had only attended one meeting of the group. She stated that she didn’t attend the meeting as a representative of MPS and had asked explicitly that her name not be used in conjunction with the report.

The Task Force members strategized regarding the $100 million fund being put under the control/guidance of the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) instead of the WEDC.

**Wisconsin Council on Workforce Investment**
Mr. Bauknecht reported on the final meeting of the Wisconsin Council on Workforce Investment which was held in Madison on October 11th. He reported that the Council, which was Chaired by retired Bucyrus CEO Tim Sullivan, discussed disbanding and the recommendations in the Be Bold 2 Report from Competitive Wisconsin. Mr. Sullivan briefly mentioned the meeting he had with Dr. Burke in September and stated that the meeting with Dr. Burke was a good example of working together. Based on the Be Bold Report, this Council may be replaced by a new Talent Council appointed by Governor Walker.

**Legislative Council’s Special Committee on Improving Educational Opportunities in High School**
This legislative Committee is scheduled to meet monthly through December, 2012. Mr. Elverman and Mr. Bauknecht will continue to monitor the committee and report back to the Task Force.
c. Local:

Advocacy Planning
The Task Force reviewed advocacy planning documents that had been prepared by Dr. Burke and Mr. Elverman. The Advocacy Plans outlined major issues that could impact the college at the federal, state and local levels, and listed key players and strategies that could be followed to impact those issues. Mr. Elverman is going to work on a combined document for the Task Force to review at its November meeting. In addition to a written Advocacy Plan describing issues and goals, and plans for achieving those goals, the college is also working on posting more information regarding our legislative initiatives on the college’s website. Ms. Falkenberg continues to work on drafting and assembling the information for the website.

Closing of Freeway Ramps – West Allis Campus
Dr. Burke, Al Pinckney, Jason Bauknecht and other members of the Task Force have reached out to the Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the planned rebuilding of I-94 and the possible closing of freeway ramps serving MATC’s West Allis campus. Meetings have been scheduled with West Allis officials and DOT officials to further discuss this issue and to voice our opposition to any plans to eliminate ramps serving the campus.

d. Tentative Meeting Dates – FY2012-13
The Task Force will meet the following dates at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room (M210):

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E. ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Desma P. Madison
Secretary
Legislative Task Force