CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Legislative Task Force Committee was held on Thursday, November 21, 2013, and called to order by Chairperson Falkenberg at 12:08 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, Lindsey Becker, Ellis Bromberg, Charles Bruders, Michael Burke Tim Elverman, Janice Falkenberg, Camille Nicholai, Trevor Kubatzke and Michael Rosen

Members Absent:

Archie Graham and Marwill Santiago

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 OCTOBER 17, 2013 MEETING:

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

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Legislative Update:

   a. Federal:

   2014 Federal Budget

   House Budget Committee chair Paul Ryan and Senate Budget Committee chair Patty Murray are continuing negotiations regarding the 2014 budget. The deadline for a compromise budget is December 13.
$100 Million DOL Grant Program
The Task Force discussed the Obama Administration’s recent announcement of a new $100 million competitive grant program aimed at high schools that partner with colleges and employers to support students who seek high-tech careers. It was stated that this program, which will be administered by the Department of Labor, circumvents Congressional approval. The program, titled “Youth Career Connect”, will begin granting awards in 2014, with the goal of awarding 25 to 40 grants for the 2014-15 school year.

DOE Gainful Employment Rule
It was noted that the Department of Education was in the midst of the second session of negotiated rulemaking with a panel trying to reach consensus on the “gainful employment” rule. If no consensus is reached, DOE is permitted to craft its own proposed rule. Negotiators are discussing program level cohort default rates, debt-to-income ratios, completion rates, and repayment rates for colleges and students.

b. State:

State Legislation
T. Elverman distributed the updated document entitled “State Legislation That Could Affect MATC” and highlighted several recently introduced pieces of legislation, as well as action taken in recent weeks on bills discussed previously by the Task Force.

Concealed Carry Permitted On School Grounds by Certain Law Enforcement Officers (AB 9)
This bill would change Wisconsin law so that certain law enforcement officers would be allowed to carry guns on property where there is a posting prohibiting such action. A public hearing on this bill was held on October 10. The Assembly was scheduled to vote on this bill; however it was pulled from the calendar. It now appears that this bill will not advance.

The Number of Math and Science Credits Required for a High School Diploma (SB 51)
This bill would change current law so that a high school diploma could not be awarded to anyone not earning at least 3 credits in math and 3 credits in science. A public hearing was held on this bill on November 7. It was approved by the Senate on November 12 and the Assembly on November 14 and is waiting to be signed by the Governor.

Employer Access and Observation of Internet Accounts (AB 218, SB 223)
This bill would prohibit an employer, educational institution, or landlord from requesting access to personal internet accounts of employees, students and prospective students and tenants. SB 223 had a public hearing in August and was recommended for passage by its committee.
November 6. It was approved by the Senate with a 33-0 vote on November 13. It is expected to be approved in the Assembly in the near future.

**Instructional Programs for Nurse Aides (SB 212, AB 248)**
This bill permits the Department of Health Services (DHS) to approve instructional programs for nurse aides that include instructional programs in another state if that instruction is substantially the same required under current Wisconsin law. Both bills had public hearings, but have not been voted on. It is expected that the bills will move forward.

**Enrollment Requirements for Recipients of Talent Incentive Grants (AB 260, SB 229)**
This bill provides that a student need not maintain continuous enrollment in a school to remain eligible for a Talent Incentive Grant. Both bills had public hearings, but have not been voted on. It is expected that the bills will move forward.

**Requiring the Department of Revenue to Redetermine the Value of Tax Base of Tax Incremental Districts (AB 289, SB 252)**
This bill would allow a city or village to adopt a resolution requiring the DOR to re-determine the tax incremental base of a TID that is in a decrement (value decreasing) situation that has continued for at least two consecutive years. Decrement is defined as being at least 10 percent less than the current value of the TID’s tax incremental base. This bill will impact how much the college is able to levy. AB 289 had a public hearing October 31, and SB 252 has already passed in the Senate 32-0 on October 8. It is expected to be approved by the Assembly in the near future.

**Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarships (AB 398, SB 334)**
This bill creates a Technical Education Higher Education Scholarship Program under which HEAB awards scholarships to certain scholars based on proficiency in technical education subjects who enroll on a full-time basis in a Technical College District school. SB 334 was approved in the Senate and the Assembly on November 5. It is waiting to be signed into law by the Governor.

**Dental Hygienist’s Administration of Nitrous Oxide Inhalation Analgesia (AB 408, SB 311)**
This bill would require the Dentistry Examining Board to grant a certificate to administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia to a dental hygienist who is licensed by the Board and who satisfies certain requirements that the bill directs the board to establish. AB 408 had a public hearing on November 13, and SB 311 will have a public hearing on November 20.
Changes to Examination Requirements for Various Professional Credentials Issued by the Department of Safety and Professional Services and the Board of Nursing (SB 337, AB 404)
Under this bill, DSPS or a Board may not require a person to complete any postsecondary education or other program before the person is eligible to take an examination for a credential. However, the bill was amended to say that an applicant for licensure as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse must receive approval from the applicant’s school in order to take the examination before graduation. SB 337 was approved by the Senate on October 15 and by the Assembly on November 5. It is waiting to be signed into law by the Governor.

Priority Registration for Veterans in Classes at Tech Schools and UWM System (AB 201)
This legislation requires Tech Colleges and the UW System schools to give priority to veterans registering for classes. This bill was signed into law by the governor on November 8 (2013 Wisconsin Act 56). It will affect registration at MATC for second semester classes this academic year.

Tuition Reimbursement for Apprentices and Employers (AB 403, SB 335)
This bill requires DWD to administer a tuition reimbursement program whereby DWD reimburses the cost of tuition for a person who completes an apprenticeship program. SB 335 was approved in both the Senate and Assembly on November 5 and was signed into law by the Governor on November 14 (2013 Wisconsin Act 57).

Cosmetologist Training Hours and Makeup Artists Exemption from Licensing Requirement (AB 503, SB 395)
This bill would change the number of training hours required for a cosmetologist license from 1,800 to 1,550. It also exempts the following services from licensing requirements: 1. A service performed preparatory to a live public performance or appearance, and 2. A service performed in the course of the production of a digital, analog, or other recording intended for public release or broadcast. These bills were referred to committees but have not had public hearings.

Legislative Elections
Republican Jessie Rodriquez was elected on November 19 to replace Mark Honadel in the 21st Assembly District, and Republican Bob Kulp was elected in the 69th Assembly District to replace Scott Suder. On December 17, Republican Ken Skowronski will face Democrat John Hermes to replace Rep. Jeff Stone in the 82nd Assembly District. The Task Force Committee noted that the 21st and 82nd Assembly Districts are within the MATC service area.
c. **Local:**

**Proposed Silk Strip Club License in Downtown Milwaukee.**
Downtown Silk MKE LLC has filed a proposal with the City of Milwaukee seeking tavern and public entertainment licenses for a vacant 8,800 square ft. restaurant and bar on the ground floor of a city-owned parking ramp at 1118 N. 4th St. (corner of 4th St. and Highland Blvd.) The BMO Harris Bradley Center board has approved a resolution opposing this strip club license. The Aloft Hotel owners have also voiced strong opposition. Since this site is adjacent to the downtown MATC campus, Michael Rosen recommended that MATC also voice its opposition to this license. The Task Force Committee members agreed with Mr. Rosen’s recommendation and suggested that the MATC Board consider a resolution opposing the license at its Board meeting on November 26.

**Meeting Dates – FY2013-14**

The Task Force will meet on the following dates at 12:00 p.m. in the Board Room (M210):

- December 12, 2013
- January 23, 2014
- February 20, 2014
- March 20, 2014
- April 10, 2014
- May 22, 2014
- June 19, 2014

E. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Desma P. Madison*