

**Milwaukee Area Technical College  
West Allis Student Government Association  
General Assembly November 11, 2015 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

**Attendance:**

SGA Advisor: Patrice Jefferies, Student Life

SGA Members Present:

Jacqueline Coel, President  
Jarvis Harmon, Vice President  
Amanpreet Singh, Parliamentarian  
Amber Joshway, Treasurer  
Sheyla Macias, Historian  
Theresa D'Amato, Corresponding Secretary  
Angela Amborn, Recording Secretary  
Simone Pierce  
Willie Robinson

Volunteers:

Benita Oatis  
Jamie Lassa

SGA Members Absent:

Angela Clark

**Approval of Minutes:** Jarvis motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 28, 2015, Theresa seconded it, and the motion carried.

**Guest Speakers:** Dr. Yan Wang & Christine Manion from MATC Research, Planning and Development visited the SGA to gather student opinions on returning for classes. They targeted student organizations as a way for them to see what can be fixed even more. They focused on three main questions:

- What helped make students return?
- How have the registration/continuation processes hindered students?
- What can MATC do to help students reach their academic goals?

All members did their best to contribute to this thoughtful discussion and thanked their guests for contacting them about these important issues.

**Old Business:**

- Jackie reminded everyone of the Veteran's Day treats that were to be passed out both before and after the meeting.

**New Business:**

- Approval of funds for Christmas parade and club dinner at Johnny V's.
  - Jarvis motioned to approve \$1,000 for the total costs, Amber seconded it, and the motion carried.
- Approval of funds for accessories for the members for the Christmas parade.
  - Theresa motioned to approve \$50 for the total costs, Angela A. seconded it, and the motion carried.

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- Approval of purchase for MATC volunteer t-shirts to be used for the Hunger Task Force as well as any other volunteer opportunities.
  - Willie motioned to approve the purchase, Theresa seconded it, and the motion carried.
- Jackie discussed the ASACC Conference in Washington D.C. Applications including two letters of recommendation for the conference are due December 1. Only one student per campus may attend and must meet the criteria of a 2.75 accumulative GPA or higher.
- Both Jackie and Jarvis touched on the topic of travel guidelines for both the upcoming SGA trips to Madison and D.C. They reminded everyone of the duty at hand to represent the school in a positive light. Any misconduct will lead directly to being taken off of SGA.
- A reminder was also given about selling cards in the hallway. A routing slip was passed around to secure everyone's timeframes for volunteering.

**Committee Reports:**

- Civics: Amber did a personal survey asking student veterans about how they would feel contributing to a Vet board, showing where everyone had served and for how long. After finding it to be too sensitive of a topic, she canceled it.
- Events: Willie and Sheyla will be meeting soon to discuss future plans.
- Research & Development: District Event surveys were given out and collected during the Veteran's Day celebration.
- Community Affairs: Jackie made a follow up with the senior center to see when the next date to volunteer would be. She also expressed interest in taking Frosty and friends to the childcare center for a Christmas visit.

**Treasurer's Report:** Amber reported that not much had changed in the budget since the last meeting, with the exception of the \$1,050 approved in this meeting.

**WSG Report:** Angela informed every one of the trip to Madison in the spring and how it is a great way to network with other technical college students from around the state, as well as it is great practice for anyone interested in going to Washington D.C. She also expressed that DSS will soon be looking for a new Lt. Governor, and Madison is an excellent thing to add to one's resume for applying.

**Upcoming Campus and District Events**

- Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Cuisine from Spain/ Portugal 11:30am in the cafeteria
- Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> West Campus Open House 8:00am –noon
  - **Volunteers are: Benita, Jamie, Simone, Angela A., Jarvis, Amber, Jackie**
- Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> Italian Cuisine 11:30am in the cafeteria
- Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> Russian/Eastern European Cuisine 11:30am in the cafeteria
- Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> DSS Meeting at Oak Creek Campus 1-3pm- A114
  - Budget Meeting at noon in Cafeteria-Amber to attend

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- Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> Japanese/Korean Cuisine 11:30 am in the cafeteria
  - Will be a trial run per the request of Tuesday students.
- Wednesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Indian Cuisine 11:30 am in the cafeteria
- Thursday, Dec. 3-Evening event at Mequon Campus (Details to follow)
- Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>- DSS Meeting at West Campus 1-3 pm- Room 117
- Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> Breakfast with Santa at the Downtown Campus 8:30am-noon
  - **Volunteers are: Angela A, Jackie (maybe) Jarvis, Amber, Sheyla (maybe), Simone, Jamie, Benita**
- Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>- West Allis Christmas Parade- meet at the school at 3:00 pm
  - **Volunteers are: Angela A, Jackie, Angela C, Theresa, Jarvis, Amber, Sheyla (maybe), Simone, Danny, Jamie, Benita**
- Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Chair Massages 10am-1pm in the cafeteria
  - Reserve a seat on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>!

**Recap of Events:**

- Wed. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, Native American Dance Demo 12:00-1:00 in the cafeteria.
  - Danny and his brother delivered a phenomenal and well-informed presentation yet again. Everyone agreed it was extremely fun and inspirational.
- Wed. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, Native American Cuisine 11:30-12:30 in the cafeteria.
  - Both dishes were quite delectable! The Indian Tacos sold out in less than half an hour!
- Thurs. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, Barbeque Regions of the U.S. Cuisine 11:30-12:30 in the cafeteria.
  - Food not so well received, a couple of complaints given.
- Mon. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, Hunger Task Force volunteering from 1:00-5:00.
  - A unanimous reaction was given that it was an amazing experience and everyone cannot wait to do it again. Patrice emailed a coordinator and is currently waiting on their available dates for the next opportunity, including a possible food sort on a Friday morning.

**Closing Announcements:**

- Jackie passed around District Event surveys to the members to get their input on them as well.
- Willie offered the idea of going to customink.com to map out a design for the volunteer t-shirts. He and Theresa will be working on something to bring to next meeting.

**Adjournment:** Jarvis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:24pm, Willie seconded it, and the motion carried.