



Bylaws

Preamble: We, the student representatives of the Wisconsin Student Government (WSG) of the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS), represent and advocate for WSG students at the local, state, and national levels for the purpose of communication and educational involvement and improvement. We shall use our democratic rights through the cooperation of members to further the promotion of the WTCS.

ARTICLE 1 - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The representative student governments of the 16 WTCS districts of the State of Wisconsin shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Student governments of the WTCS districts shall approve their membership in WSG by vote.

Section 3. WSG and its members will not discriminate with regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, creed, sex, age, handicap, or any other protected class status.

Section 4. Each WTCS district wishing to join WSG of WTCS Colleges will pay a membership fee for membership in WSG.. (See Article 10 - Addendum)

ARTICLE 2 - BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 1. The new Board of Governors will be seated at the first meeting after the Legislative Seminar. Each WTCS district will select one Governor as early in the fall semester as possible.

Section 2. Each WTCS district will select one student who will be a Lieutenant Governor. This person will not be able to vote except in the absence of the Governor. The Governor shall serve from election to election at which time the Lieutenant Governor shall assume the Office of the Governor and serve through the next election of the following year.

Section 3. The Board of Governors will be made up of 16 voting Governors with each WTCS district being responsible for one Governor and one Lieutenant Governor.

Section 4. Governors and Lieutenant Governors must be students of the college they represent.

Section 5. The Board of Governors will be responsible for the WSG of WTCS College Legislative Seminar to be held once a year in Madison for the purpose of educating the student government leaders on issues and protocol for visits to their members of the state legislature. The Board of Governors will also be responsible for recommendations for appointments to state positions including, but not limited to Higher Education Aids Board, the Council on Financial Aids, and student representative to the State Board of the WTCS.

Section 6. Appointment of office shall be from when appointed to when appointed.

ARTICLE 3 - OFFICERS

Section 1. All officers of the WSG of WTCS Colleges will be elected at the first meeting after the February Legislative Seminar.

Section 2. The Board of Governors will nominate and elect the officers from the Board of Governors.

Section 3. The officers shall be President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

Section 4. Ex-officio members shall be Student State Board member and Higher Educational Aids Board representative.

Section 5. The duties of the President will be to preside over all Board of Governors meetings, and to oversee and represent WSG as official spokesperson at any outside function.

Section 6. The duties of the Vice President will be to fill the role of the President in President's absence and to assume the position of President in the event of the President's leaving WSG; to act as ex-officio member of all standing committees; and to serve as parliamentarian.

Section 7. The duties of Treasurer will be to pay all bills pertaining to the operation of WSG, to be a second signatory on all checks; to furnish an account of WSG's financial standing at each Executive Board meeting; and to submit the books for audit to an outside accountant selected by WSG at the end of each operational year.

(Operational year is July 1 – June 30)

ARTICLE 4 – ADVISORS

Section 1. The Local Advisors of WSG will be the student government advisors of the Governors.

Section 2. The Resource Director will be the second signatory on all checks.

ARTICLE 5 – COMMITTEES

Section 1. All committees and committee chairs may be appointed by the President.

Section 2. The Chairpersons may appoint subcommittees with the approval of the President.

ARTICLE 6 – EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board consists of the elected officers of WSG and the Resource Director.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall function as the administrative body of WSG and is responsible for all business enacted by the Board of Governors.

Section 3. The chain of command shall be President, Vice President, and Treasurer. In the event the highest-ranking officer is not present, the next in command will act in her/his place in making general decisions and heading meetings as necessary.

Section 4. The Executive Board with a majority vote shall be able to make expenditures of up to, but not more than, \$100 per month between meetings.

ARTICLE 7 – MEETINGS

Section 1. The Executive Board will meet a minimum of three (3) times per year and will be open to participation of all WTCS districts.

ARTICLE 8 – DISSOLUTION

Section 1. Upon the Dissolution of the association, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provisions for payment of all of the debts of WSG shall, distribute the assets based on the previous years FTE count reported in the WTCS Fact Book, FTE's by College among the member WTCS districts from which it came.

ARTICLE 9 – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Governors at the meeting after the amendment is introduced.

ARTICLE 10 – ADDENDUM

Membership Fee: Eleven percent (11%) multiplied by the colleges previous years FTE count as reported in the WTCS Fact Book, FTE's by College. One year's membership fee shall be from July 1 - June 30 of each calendar year.

Duties of the Secretary: \$100 for three meetings to be disbursed in increments of \$33, \$33, and \$34. This will be a contracted position between WSG and the student taking the Secretary position. The Secretary shall take the minutes at all WSG meetings and disburse the minutes within two weeks to the Governors, Resource Director, Local Advisors, Presidents of Student Governments, Presidents of WTCS districts, State WTCS President, and WTCS State Board Members. The Secretary shall collect and deposit all payments due WSG. Meals occurring at the WSG meetings will be reimbursed. The Secretary, in the event of an absence, is required to locate a replacement for her/him to cover the WSG meeting.

Duties of the Governors: Represent their WTCS districts first and foremost and then the state for the students of WTCS. Governors are responsible for completing the duties assigned to them for all WSG functions throughout the year. Governors will be responsible for distributing information from WSG to their respective WTCS districts and organizations. There will be only one vote per member WTCS district (16 votes).

Duties of the Local Advisors: Advise the Governors and Lieutenant Governors in their WTCS districts. They will be responsible for providing information to local administration. They will supervise the elections of the Lieutenant Governor. Provide guidance to WSG Governors and Lieutenant Governors when WTCS district issues need to be brought up to state level. Set up and publish guidelines for the elections of Lieutenant Governors statewide. Should be present and active at WSG meetings.

Duties of the Resource Director: Mandatory attendance at all WSG meetings and seminars. Coordinate Legislative Seminar. Identify legislative issues facing WSG. Research issues decided upon by Board of Governors. Provide an ongoing, updated written guide to the next resource person. Represent WSG on legislative issues and public relations. Vice President and resource director should be working together. Before resigning must give three months' notice or more if possible. The position is contracted with WSG and must be confirmed by a vote from the Governors. With the support of the WSG Board of Governors, publish a newsletter at the end of each meeting to be distributed to all campuses.

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