



## **EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE**

Friday, January 17th, 2020

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Iowa Room – Radisson Hotel

La Crosse, Wisconsin

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **1.) Call to Order – Dawn Garcia (Chippewa Valley) Co-Chair**

**Time:** 2:46pm

**By:** Dawn Garcia

#### **2.) Introduction of committee members**

A.) Members present: Dawn Garcia (Chippewa Valley), Julie Valadez (Waukesha County), Rich Deprez (Blackhawk), Rick Richard (Blackhawk), Rick Merdan (Mid-State), Roger Zacharias (Gateway), Patty Van Ryzin (Fox Valley), Mark Foley (Milwaukee), Carla Hedtke (Northeast WI), James Beistle (WI Indianhead)  
Ten members total, and 9 Districts represented

#### **3.) Approval of Minutes – from Nov 1st, 2019 (*action*)**

A.) Motion was made by Mark Foley (Milwaukee), seconded by Roger Zacharias (Gateway), to approve the minutes and all were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **4.) Follow-up discussion with panelists representing the WTC Wood Tech Program/City of La Crosse partnership**

- A.) The panel was represented by Kevin Clements, City of La Crosse, David Hahm, Western Technical College, and Alan Paulson, Western Technical College
- B.) Concerns for 20+ years, as in the past the process was not optimized for student learning.
- C.) Updates to the program in 2016 to have every student experience all key areas. The result was natural sequencing of the curriculum, which improved outcomes for students and also the City of La Crosse.
- D.) The Wood Tech program remains focused on much needed basic carpentry and cabinet skills in the local market. Advanced education in construction management is a significant focus at UW Stout.
- E.) Students that do not achieve a C or better in required classes would not receive a diploma but would still complete the program and were employable.
- F.) Panelists are willing to share the program design and if other districts show interest using their curriculum.

**5.) Other business**

- A.) The External Partnerships committee is still looking to fill an open seat as Co-Chair. Volunteers are encouraged to speak to Vernon for consideration of an appointment.
- B.) Discussion took place about interests in upcoming partnerships. Mark Foley will work with the Milwaukee Board to develop a partnership session at the Spring Quarterly meeting in April, likely related to Manufacturing Apprenticeships.
- C.) Other partnership interests for the future included STEM academics with K-12, and external partnerships to advance the needs of diverse and challenged populations.

**6.) Next committee meeting date** – Friday, April 3rd, 2020, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**7.) Adjourn by 4:00pm**

- A.) Motion was made by Roger Zacharias (Gateway) seconded by Jim Beistle (WI Indianhead), to adjourn the meeting, and all were in favor. Motion carried.

**Time:** 3:53

**Submitted by:** Dawn Garcia (Chippewa Valley)