

Meeting Minutes: Student Leader Forum

Date: September 11, 2025

Time: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: Eagle Event Center, NWTC Green Bay Campus

Meeting Start Time: 11:30am



Welcome & Logistics

- Joseph Richter welcomed attendees and addressed administrative questions.
 - Clarified that students may represent more than one club for this meeting, though ideally each club should have one representative moving forward.
 - Acknowledged that some clubs are still forming and encouraged continued participation.
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Cabinet Introductions

- Special guests included:
 - **John Grant** – Associate Vice President, Student Affairs
 - **Scott Anderson** – Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs & Workforce Development
 - **Dr. Laura King** – Vice President of Strategy and Innovation
 - **Dr. Matt Petersen** – Associate Vice President of Strategic Analytics and Effectiveness
 - Cabinet members emphasized their roles in supporting student success and engagement.
 - They plan to regularly attend SLF meetings to share updates and gather student feedback.
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Key Updates & Announcements

Academic Calendar

- **October 22** marks the start of **8-week session two**.
- Students are encouraged to meet with academic advisors to ensure proper course enrollment.

Workday Transition

- NWTC launched a new student information system, **Workday**, this fall.
- Acknowledged challenges during the transition and thanked students for their patience.

Career Fairs

- Upcoming career fairs will be held for **Health, STEM, Trades, and Engineering**.
 - These events are well attended by employers and offer valuable networking opportunities.
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Campus Construction & Facilities Update

Presented by Scott Anderson

Current Projects

- **Country Club Road Closure:** Closed through October; recommended access via **Mason Street** or **Larson Road**.
- **NEW School of Innovation Relocation:**
 - Will move to the **Corporate Conference Center** for improved safety and dedicated access.
 - Renovation begins **March 2026**, completion by **August 2026**.

Construction Timeline

- **Testing Center:** Completion expected **October 2025**.
- **New Corporate Conference Center:** Begins **September 2025**.
- **STEM Area Renovation:** **October–December 2025**.
- **College of Business Relocation:** **December 2025**.

Student Impact

- Hallways near the College of Business will be inaccessible during construction.
 - Students accessing rooms like **BT314, BT313, BT315** will need to use alternate routes.
 - **Public Safety Access:** Vestibule entrance and stairway access will remain available.
 - **Digital Arts Labs & Atrium:** No changes expected.
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Counseling Services Presentation

Presented by **Kelly Kovnesky**

Overview of Services

- **Free counseling** available to all NWTC students.
- Appointments can be made by phone, text, or **online 24/7**.
- Same-day appointments are available daily.
- Walk-ins welcome; no prior counseling experience required.

Virtual Counseling Options

- Students can choose **video or phone sessions**.
- Weekend and after-hours support are available via **Better Mind**, including for students in **Michigan**.

Wellness Initiatives

- **Therapy Dog Sammy** visits classrooms and labs.
 - **Suicide Prevention Month**: Hope Wall displayed near Club Corner.
 - **World Teacher Appreciation Day (Oct. 5)**: Students can submit messages, photos, or videos recognizing instructors.
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Student Leader Forum Overview & Student Spotlights

Purpose of SLF

- SLF connects students with college staff, departments, and administrators.
- Fosters community, leadership, and networking.

Student Spotlights

- **Mike Hagel**:
 - SLF Officer, NWTC State Ambassador, active in Student Veterans of America.
 - Encouraged students to take risks and get involved.
- **Cassie Cornelius**:
 - SLF Officer and **WSG Vice President**.
 - Explained WSG's role in representing students across Wisconsin's 16 technical colleges.
 - Highlighted advocacy efforts: broadband access, childcare, healthy food, and **Open Educational Resources (OER)**.

- Described the **Legislative Seminar** in February and opportunities to meet state legislators.
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Officer Elections

- **Elections will be held October 2, 2025.**
 - Interested students should contact **Joseph Richter** via email to learn more.
 - Mike and Cassie are available to answer questions and share insights.
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Club Updates & Student News

- Students interested in starting new clubs should contact Student Involvement.
- Club renewal forms were sent to advisors and should be submitted to confirm activity.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

- Hosted **Networking 101** workshop.
 - Upcoming event: **Professional Community Connections** on **November 11**.
 - Registration deadline: **October 1**.
 - Open to all students; aims to connect students with professionals who share similar backgrounds and career paths.
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Closing Remarks & Introductions

- Joseph Richter encouraged students to step out of their comfort zones and get involved.
- Final confirmations:
 - **Vestibule entrance** to Corporate Conference Center will remain open.
 - **Digital Arts labs and atrium** will not be impacted by construction.

Additional Introductions

- **Dr. Matt Petersen**: Oversees **Starfish**, NWTC's student success system.
- **Dr. Laura King**: VP of Strategy and Innovation, excited to engage with SLF.
- **Rob Norwood**: Programming & Innovations Coordinator (Eagle Gallery, campus events).
- **Patty Gallasova**: Based at Sturgeon Bay campus, attending SLF in Green Bay.

- **Maggie Schutz:** Programming & Marketing; manages events & communications.
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Next Steps

- Next SLF meeting: **October 2, 2025** (Officer Elections).
- Follow-up email will be sent to all participants.
- Students are encouraged to reach out with questions or interest in leadership roles.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:28pm