Western Technical College District Board

Planning, Policy, and Instruction Committee

CHAIR: Dave Laehn

Tuesday, August 18, 2015
1:30 – 3:15 pm

Meet in Lunda Center Lobby
111 Seventh Street N • Room 408 • La Crosse, WI

AGENDA

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| 1:30pm  | Tour of Integrated Technology and Horticulture Education Centers

Relocate to Administrative Center – 111 Seventh Street N – Room 408

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| 3:00pm  | Policy Revision – E0200 Admission | New Policy – Veterans Admission and Call-Up – Denise Vujnovich

Attachment(s)
CURRENT Policy E0200 Admission

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A. International students shall meet all admission requirements set forth above, obtain minimal competency scores established by the College on an English proficiency exam, have appropriate immigration documentation, and provide documentation of sufficient financial backing to complete their education at Western.

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Revised September 19, 1995
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Wisconsin Administrative Code, WTCS 10
Wisconsin Statutes 38.22
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New
Veterans Admission and Call-Up Policy

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C. Students shall not be penalized for class absence due to all unavoidable or legitimate required military obligations not to exceed two (2) weeks. The faculty member is responsible to provide reasonable accommodations or opportunities to make up exams or other course assignments that have an impact on the course grade.

D. Students that have unavoidable or legitimate required military obligations that exceed (2) weeks but are less than 30 days should seek special permission from the instructor to complete course work or withdraw (as allowed for under Section 10.08 of Chapter TCS 10, "Special circumstances involving unforeseen hardship").

E. Students are responsible for notifying faculty members of such circumstances as far in advance as possible and for providing documentation to the instructor to verify the reason for the absence.


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III. In-State Tuition Fees for Veterans and their Family Members
2015 Wisconsin Act 21-AN ACT to amend 38.24 (3) (a); and to create 38.24 (3m) of the statutes; relating to: charging resident fees to nonresident veterans and their family members attending technical colleges

A. A veteran living in this state, regardless of whether the veteran is a resident, if the veteran was discharged or released from at least 90 days of active service within the three years before the date of enrollment in the technical college; and

B. The veteran’s spouse or child, living in this state, who is eligible for certain federal benefits by virtue of his or her relationship to the veteran. Act 21 further provides that an individual who is enrolled in a technical college and has been charged resident fees under its provisions on the date that begins the third year after the qualifying veteran was discharged or released from service shall continue to be charged resident fees for as long as the individual maintains continuous enrollment at the college.

IV. In-State Tuition Rates for Members of Armed Forces on Active Duty, Spouses, and Dependents.

A. Nonresident members of the armed forces and persons engaged in alternative service who are stationed in Wisconsin on active duty, and their spouses and dependents, are entitled to in-state tuition rates during the period that such persons are stationed in Wisconsin. (Wisconsin Statute 36.27(2)(b))