

## WA Council of High School-College Relations General Member Meeting

Leavenworth, WA June 24-25

Members and guests in attendance: Kathy Gaer-Carlton, Paul Seegert, Jim West, Richard Zimmerman, Jill Orcutt, Leiann DeVelder, Lucretia Folks, Wendy Petersen, Shannon Carr, Mike Hubert, Scott Copeland, Kim Hiatt, Kiersten Horton, Susan Mosby, Joanne Houseman, Carlos Williams, Noreen Light (WSAC), Justin Montermini (Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board).

**Action:** Motion to approve minutes made by Wendy Petersen ,Jill Orcutt seconds; ayes have it. Motion passes.

Executive Board issues brought by Kathy Gaer-Carlton

- We need to discuss the idea of discontinuing Membership fee for school counselors beginning w/the 2014-15 school year
- We will be discussing the changes needed to our By-Laws in order to maintain our non-profit status.
- We will talk about replacing Travis Merrigan on the College Planning Commission since he has resigned from the Council to open his own business.

**Nominations**-Paul Seegert reports: We have several on the slate for renewal and for nominations. (See handout). We have space for three community college members on the Board and are continuing to reach out to potential board members from community colleges. The slate of renewals and new members will be voted upon at the annual meeting tomorrow, June 25, 2013.

**Treasurer:** Wendy Petersen reports: Reimbursement forms are available. Balance right now is \$32,777.62. Wendy and Lucretia both have access to the account. We are trying to do a better job of tagging deposits and withdrawals to specific programs in order to more closely account for expenditures and revenue. If commission chairs would begin reporting on this in a more uniform and consistent manner, it would make our accounting more accurate and transparent. Wendy will bring a proposal for a change to our By Laws to the meeting tomorrow in order to strengthen them with regard to our non-profit status. Wendy asks commission chairs if they think a template to track their expenditures and revenues and the commission chairs said they would. Wendy said she would work on that and get something to them soon.

**Old Business:** Should there be another seat made available for Private Baccalaureate institution? Paul gives the history of how many members have been around the table in the past. In order to increase the membership of Independent Colleges we would have to increase the number of four year institutions from nine to ten. This will require a By-Law change. Scott Copeland suggests that we have representation from a technical college and suggests Cindy Mowry from Clover Park Technical . Western Governor's University Washington may also wish to be at the table as well which would mean we need to

increase the seats to eleven. The suggestion is made for Kathy Gaer Carleton to reach out to WGU and invite him/her to the fall meeting in order to ascertain what their interest in being on the Council is.

We can change the number of baccalaureate institutions to eleven without naming who these new members would be. Wendy suggests that the By-Laws be changed before we can take action on making a motion as to whether we want to identify WGUW specifically as potential members.

Community Non-Profits can continue be accommodated w/membership on the Council by utilizing the General Board Honorary designation. This is how College Success Foundation comes to be on the Board.

We have had conversation about inviting Valerie Frey (new member from Pierce College) to join Jim West and Mike Hubert in resurrecting the Dual-Enrollment Commission in order to provide a vehicle whereby the Running Start Coordinators meeting may be organized. Wendy brings up the fact that Commission chairs can bring in other people who are not WA Council members to work on their commissions. It would be great to be able to acknowledge them on the website as members of the commission. Paul mentions that he let those new members who are joining the council know they may be contacted to help on a commission in advance of the fall meeting.

**OSPI:** Mike Hubert reporting: The Senate budget did not contain additional K-12 monies for teacher salaries while the House wants local districts to decide where the money goes. There is a School Counselor Summer Institute June 26-27 @ the Red Lion in Olympia to help make school counselors aware of Assessment requirements and options; Special Ed and 504 Management and other topics. Information is shared about different Running Start initiatives including extending Running Start for more than two years; strategies to engage underrepresented students in dual-credit programs; common core standards and a University of Chicago paper on the role of Non-cognitive Factors in Shaping School Performance.

Bills signed by the Governor: increasing the capacity of public schools to help suicidal students; students in foster care will now have a liaison for foster students who will help keep them on track for school attendance and success; community service as a grad requirement ; improve and expand computer science education so students can take AP Computer Science for math based science in the senior year as long as they have taken or are taking Algebra II; access to K-12 campuses for occupational and technical education- same amount of access time for Job Corps Peace corps, AmeriCorps; as any other college representative; aligning CTE programs with high demand applied BA programs; use of multiple measures to assess readiness for college level classes. The legislation is meant to help especially in the underrepresented and disabled student population segments.

Tuesday June 25, 2013

Meeting called to order at 8:55am

Members and guests in attendance not present yesterday: Linda West (UW Tacoma), Alison Warner

**WSAC:** Jim West, Noreen Light presenting: Council created by the legislature on 2012. Charged with: proposing goals for increasing educational attainment in WA., identify improvement and innovations; promote benefits of postsecondary education. Very different from former HECB. There are 5 Governor appointed citizen members; 4 education sector members (Two year. Four year, independent and K-12 education representatives, Executive Director, Gene Sharratt. WSAC is supposed to get together 6 times a year but they have been meeting more frequently than that. They are highly motivated and energized to evaluate how they can make positive changes. WSAC involved in student financial assistance, GET, policy planning and research, administrative services and communications. P-20 collaboration is a major focus of WSAC. Strategic master plan and 10 year roadmap are also priorities and will be presented to the legislature in December

Common Core presentation by Noreen Light: Fewer, clearer, deeper standards. 45 states have adopted these standards. There will be whole rich collection of materials from which our state can draw in the development and implementation of Common Core. In our state there are 92 people vetting our collection to support the implementation of common core and all of them are educators at some level of our educational system. There are 26 states involved in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. This is funded by the Dept. of Ed for 4 years and after this funding goes away the CREST group from UCLA will take over. Jim West offers to send work group reports when they are available via e-mail. The Smarter Balanced Assessment will occur in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. For those who are interested, practice Smarter Balanced sample tests are available on the website.

Chadd Bennett joins meeting via Go-To-Meeting:

**Technology Commission:** Chadd Bennett reports: Nothing new to report.

**Commission on High School College Planning Days: Kiersten Horton** reports: Travis coordinated most of the events and they seemed to go well. Bus subsidies: 37 received before we reached the dollar amount (\$3000.00)? After the college planning days, only 15 of the 37 who were granted bus subsidies actually sent an invoice for them. Discussion ensues regarding a better way for the bus subsidy monies to be disbursed. The suggestion is made to attach a template invoice on the e-mail so that counselors know exactly how to follow through on getting the money disbursed to their district. The suggestion is also made that perhaps the bus subsidies could be for travel to a college campuses anytime as opposed to only during the high school college planning day events. Paul would like Kiersten make a recommendation to the Council as to whether we should increase the subsidy amount and offer less of them or make some other change. Kiersten makes an appeal to the Council to be sure to follow up on replacing Travis Merrigan to this commission because planning this high school college conference is a big job which will definitely take more than one person. There are several new members coming onto the Council who may find this valuable and dynamic commission to be exactly where they wish to serve.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade Planning Day: Kim Hiatt reporting:** Five successful events this past year: EWU, WSU Vancouver, Renton Tech, Pierce, Green River. Jeopardy game was included and it was more interactive. Would like to expand to Yakima and Heritage. Needs to have commitment from host site to have a site coordinator in order to expand. Had a \$1,000.00 budget per site and sites stayed within this budget. Kim had first-hand experience w/this event this year because WSU Vancouver was a host. The keynote speaker was Rashad Norris at 4 of the 5 events and he is highly effective as a speaker who connects well w/the audience. Green River CC utilized their Physics Club as their keynote. There was a survey given at the WSU Vancouver event to see if students know more about how to go to college, how to finance college and whether they are College Bound Scholars. Since there are such varying numbers participating at each site it may be difficult for a survey to be administered in any sort of uniform way.

**Fall Transfer Fair; Alison Warner reporting:** there was a successful event in the fall. Question is raised as to whether City U and Art Institute of Seattle are members of WA Council and the answer is “yes”.

**Publications:** Paul Seegert: the last issue of the Higher Ed book was the last issue published. Publication focus will now be on the Fall Counselor Workshop booklet which is more timely and considered to be very useful. This will go to a print on demand format if counselors want more copies. Shannon asks if anyone is working on this publication since there is information needs to be collected and updated and collated before the Fall Counselor Workshops in September. WSAC may have resources to help put this together, according to Jim West. Chadd will set up a conference call with the Publications Commission in order to make the Fall Counselor Workshop book happen this year. Paul has someone in mind who will be very good at getting the information needed from the colleges. The Publications Commission is free to utilize monies to hire design/publications format this booklet.

**Fall Counselor Workshops:** Shannon Carr reporting; 9 sites beginning of Sept. 9th, five sites the first week and four the second week. There are already over 200 participants registered even though we have gone to payment by credit card via Event Brite. Lucretia reminds us that there is over \$700.00 still uncollected from last year so going to the credit card payment method will rectify that going forward.

**Transfer Advisor Fair: Alison Warner:** Event held at Green River CC and was filled to capacity. The workshop went over the \$200.00 budget by \$17.00. The question is raised as to whether participants should be charged for this event. Paul reminds the group that this was initiated as a pilot project with the idea that eventually there would be a charge for this event. Jill Orcutt offers to host the event at UW Bothell and at no cost in order to keep this program going if need be. The Commission will meet in the fall to start looking at what changes/improvements could be made to this event to make it even better.

**Equity and Diversity Commission:** Leiann DeVelder and Alison Warner reporting: Roadmapproject.org. A representative will be coming to our October meeting to explain how they have helped serve the diverse population in the seven districts currently involved. Leiann also suggests each commission have time during our next meeting or the Feb meeting to talk about how the diverse needs of all of our students are being met.

**Annual Meeting:** Should we drop the charge for High Schools to be members of the WA Council? We did collect \$6000.00 in membership dues last year even though it does take time and energy to collect the membership fee. Hopefully this will be less time consuming since we have gone to Event Brite credit card only payment for membership. Wendy would like to table this discussion as Treasurer to assess the impact of the loss of the membership fees. We did increase the Fall Counselor Fee from \$35-\$45 and we need to assess the impact of that increase as well.

Kathy reminds us that we are bringing the Running Start Coordinators Meeting under the auspices of the Dual Enrollment Commission and Valerie Frey who will be voted onto the Council today will undoubtedly take a leadership role on this Commission along w/ Scott, Mike and Jim.

**Executive Board Nominations:** Action: Motion is made to reelect Shannon Carr as President Elect for one more year. Seconded by Wendy P. Discussion. Ayes have it Motion passed.

**Motion is made** by Wendy Petersen to renew the following general board members: Bryan Gould, Kim Hiatt, Jill Orcutt, Wendy Peterson, Paul Seegert, Jamie Wells, Joanne Houseman and Leiann DeVelder. Also to accept new members, Valerie Frey, Bobbi Barnes, Mitzi Sanders, Shelby Johnson, and Jami Buselmeier. Shannon Carr seconds. Discussion (none). The ayes have it.

**Motion is made** by Jim West to change the name from HECB to WSAC in our By-Laws so moved by Shannon Carr, seconded by Wendy Petersen. Discussion (none). Ayes have it.

**Motion is made** by Wendy Petersen to authorize the Executive Board to make non-substantial editorial corrections to the By-Laws. Seconded by Alison Warner. Discussion (none). Ayes have it.

**Motion is made** to increase the baccalaureate institutions from nine to eleven in Article 4.1.1a. So moved by Wendy Petersen. Seconded by Jill Orcutt. Discussion (none). Ayes have it.

**Motion is made** to add the language WA council operates to Susan Mosby seconded. Discussion (none). Ayes have it.

**Motion is made** to add: in the event of dissolution etc. Alison Warner seconds. Discussion (none). Ayes have it.

**New Business:** Jim West wonders how WSAC and WA Council can work together to learn from and support each other. It would be sort of like an advisory group to WSAC.

Wendy Petersen moves to adjourn, Susan Mosby seconds. Discussion (none), ayes have it.

Meeting adjourns @ 12:30pm.

