

Washington Council for High School College Relations

Winter meeting: February 27-28 2014

Holiday Inn Express, Lacey, WA

Meeting begins @12:10pm.

In attendance: Paul Seegert, Richard Zimmerman, Lucretia Folks, Shannon Carr, Inilez Soto Fuller, Jamie Buselmeier, Kim Hiatt, Wendy Peterson, Leiann DeVelder, Bryan Gould, Susan Mosby, Mitzi Sanders, Jamie Wells, Valerie Frey, Kiersten Horton, Jim West, Jess Savage (guest), Linda Drake, Carlos Williams, Mike Hubert, Ben Rarick, Chadd Bennett, Bobbie Barnes, Kathy Gaer-Carlton, Paul Francis.

State Board of Education-Ben Rarick and Linda Drake reporting: Re: High School Graduation Requirements. Focus on preparing all students for career and college readiness. Some sort of post-secondary training will be required for all individuals who graduate from WA State high schools to be successful in his/her future. Core 24 used to be the standard that the State Board of Education followed but realized through feedback that many students would not necessarily want to take the preparation that the core 24 required. Room for electives has been restored. Personalized Pathways Requirements and the waiving of two credits for those students who may have had a rough patch and cannot meet the 24 credit requirement have been added.

SB6552, if it passes, would affect current 7th graders. There is discussion in this bill about the third credit of math requirement which is now called Algebra II. Since almost 50% of all students going to community college need sub-college level math the State Board is concerned with the lack of preparedness in math. Currently, both the parent and the guidance counselor need to sign off when the third credit of math is not going to be Algebra II. The State Board is cognizant of the fact that sometimes a written permission form is difficult to run down.

SB6552- 1080 hours grades 9-12. Districts can average 1027 now. This may or may not pass this year.

There is a lot of discussion about adding the third credit of science due to what is perceived as the need of added expense although this is truly not an unfunded mandate from a facilities standpoint. Ben refers to the Big History Project as an integrated science/history framework.

Minutes from the last meeting had a portion missing so Joanne will update, Kathy will circulate and a minutes will be adopted over e-mail.

Executive Board- Wendy Peterson, Treasurer, reporting: All bills have been paid and we have \$39,475.43. Our accountant is working on getting different categories separated on Quick Books for better tracking and reporting options.

Technology Commission-Chadd Bennett reporting: We will purchase Go To Meeting for the Council to use at an extremely reduced rate.

Kathy Gaer-Carlton puts out a call for Technology commission member to aid Chadd, President Elect, and replacement for the recording secretary for the June meeting (Kathy asks Jim West to cover secretary duties at June meeting and Jim accepts).

Vacancies: we need two more community college reps; one more high school representative; one more independent representative and Kathy asks members to contact her if they have idea. We will need a representative from TESC to replace Bryan Gould. Carlos Williams will fulfill the remaining year vacated by Paul Seegert.

Legislative Updates

Council of Presidents- Paul Francis reporting: Governor signed the Real Hope Act yesterday which allows eligible undocumented students to receive WA State Need Grant. \$5 million dollars has been added to the \$600 million base. Affordability for middle class students has been a concern of the legislature and there is discussion on doing a holistic review of all the financial aid programs in our state. Pay it Forward: idea floated by Economic Opportunity Group in Seattle where students' tuition is paid and they then pay it back over the subsequent years. There are concerns about this with regard to tracking, funding and administrative difficulties.

College Bound Scholars- now has \$60 million.

WSAC has developed a Road Map which is meant to help bring together all the programs available to our students (Running Start, College in the High School, Running Start in the High School, etc.) in order to coordinate efforts and make sure these opportunities are available to all students including low income and diverse populations. \$25 million will go into Opportunity Scholarship to encourage STEM/Healthcare education.

Agency/Organization Reports/Updates

Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction- Mike Hubert reporting: Mike speaks to the problem about how the educational milestones are not met until after the June graduation date thus making them ineligible for federal financial aid and the difficulty this poses for the students as well as for the institutions. Mike has included information in the February, 2014 OSPI Update which speaks to reminding those in the field that students need to be reminded of the importance of successfully completing their educational milestone requirements and how that can affect their ability to attend college immediately after their senior year. Also, that school counselors along w/their principals and registrars need to come up with some method whereby the graduation date is posted and available to the student in a more timely fashion.

Survey has been completed regarding dropout prevention, intervention and reengagement. Not many districts are fully implementing the Response to Intervention model especially with regard to early intervention and intensive intervention. 16-21 year olds Open Door reengagement funded by basic education funding.

Counselors will need to be more articulate about how they can assist in the goal of improving student performance in the light of the probable passage of funding going from 1.909 to 2.539 FTE for counseling.

Association of Washington School Principals- Richard Zimmerman reporting: Accreditation was discussed and a new agency will be taking over. More and more high schools now are looking at the necessity of this process. TPEP was also discussed as well as the new evaluation for principals. The big

change from old to new evaluations has to do w/student growth. Are students leaving your classroom smarter than when they entered it? This can be state, district or local assessment.

Independent Colleges of Washington Chadd Bennett reporting: Shares information from the 2013-14 ICW Factbook as well as ICW Student Aid All-Star cards.

Washington Student Achievement Council- Jim West reporting: Real Hope Act which will make it possible for eligible undocumented students to apply for Washington State Need Grant. There will be an online application available in April. Concerns are that financial aid awards are already being given so how likely is it that there will be money still available for these students. These students have been afforded in-state tuition since 2003.

Info is on www.readysetrgerad.org/hope

Jim also supplied materials about the Ten-Year Roadmap including 12 strategies to increase educational attainment as well as Diploma and credential goals for achievement by 2023. Further information available on www.wsac.wa.gov/roadmap

Jamie Wells requests a list of those on the WSAC committee for dual credit. Scott Copeland reminds the group that dual credit includes AP and College in the high school as well as Running Start.

State Board for Community and Technical College Scott Copeland reporting: The cost to fully fund the state need grant far exceeds the money that is being provided, even with the additional \$5 million. The ethical question financial aid offices will need to deal with is whether or not to “hold back” money for possible recipients as opposed to going forward with allocation of State Need Grant monies.

Growth is being seen at community colleges in the area of applied baccalaureates. Running Start had 19,000 this past fall which is the most ever.

A bill which may affect colleges and universities is **SB-5969** regarding prior learning for veterans and what should be counted. It is in the best interest of the student for the credit to be connected to the degree the student is pursuing. There will also be costs associated with determining how these credits would be reviewed which may require additional staffing at each college. Washington has the 5th largest veteran population in the US. Currently there are over 22,000 vets and active duty military in our community and technical colleges.

5:00pm- Wendy moves to adjourn, Shannon seconds. The ayes have it. Meeting adjourns.

Friday February 28, 2014 (Day 2)

Meeting begins @ 8:05am

Those in attendance: Bobbie Barnes, Kathy Gaer-Carlton, Paul Seegert, Richard Zimmerman, Lucretia Folks, Shannon Carr, Wendy Peterson, Leiann DeVelder, Bryan Gould, Susan Mosby, Mitzi Sanders, Jamie Wells, Valerie Frey, Jess Savage, Kiersten Horton, Jim West, Ineliz Soto Fuller, Jamie Buselmeier, Kim Hiatt, Carlos Williams, Scott Copeland, Joanne Houseman, Randy Spaulding.

College Planning Day (High School) Kiersten Horton reporting: So far has filled \$1500.00 in bus subsidies. Kiersten has heard from host sites that they would like to use the WA Council to develop a PDF or other document to make it easier for host sites to contact the high schools in their district. Shannon Carr suggests this may be a task for the College Planning Day group to take on when they are not right in the midst of the fair. Kathy offers for this year to email all the high schools/counselors she has email contact info for. Jamie Buselmeier suggests some sort of written materials to prepare students ahead of time for their sessions. The issue we had in the past where applicants were not members has been resolved through the efforts of Lucretia following up to collect these fees.

8th grade college exploration day (8th grade) Kim Hiatt reporting: there are 5 sites and all are well attended. 1379 students participated in the 2013-14 school year. Program includes an inspirational speaker, collaborative student panel, paying for college information. There is a phone conference call today to finalize details and one of the items on the agenda is to have a pre-survey as well as a post-survey in order to gather data about the efficacy of the event. Ineliz suggests that students sign a pledge at the end of the college exploration day event which states "I am going to college". Shannon adds to this idea by suggesting that big posters be created by participating schools with the pledge on it for students to sign as a take-away to hang in the hallways of their respective schools as a reminder to students and others of this pledge.

Community College Transfer Fairs Jamie Wells reporting. Work is being done now by Jamie and ??

WSAC- Randy Spaulding reporting: Core to College Project-Faculty from k-12 and higher ed look at common core explicitly in math and English. Are common core standards agreeable to our state standards and how does the smarter balanced test fit into our system? Passage of the smarter balanced test will exempt students from taking remedial coursework in college. It is not clear as how the scores will be communicated to the colleges or if the scores will be on the student's transcript. This year's sophomores will take the HSPE this year and the smarter balanced assessment next year when they are juniors. The test is about eight hours spread out over a number of days. Testing juniors in Running Start may prove to be problematic and this is a very large group statewide.

www.smarterbalanced.org has practice test and other information about the test.

WSAC is hosting the 2014 Educational Attainment for All Diversity Conference @ Pacific NW University in Yakima on April 16 from 8am-5pm.

Publications and Communications-Paul Seegert reporting: The Fall Counselor Workshop book remains a valuable resource for the attendees. Colleges represented in the book have to be members of the WA council which works out better for all concerned. Quality of the book and the simplicity of putting the book together are of utmost importance. Chadd has provided tech help and Marcy, a colleague of Paul's did the collection of info from the colleges. Paul did the design. Marcy has agreed to do the same this year and Paul would be willing to work with a designer. **Paul puts out a call for help** on this commission to organize and help in collection of information as well as working with a designer and printing. This would be a great year to sign on to help. **Mitzi Sanders volunteers.** Shannon said the cost of the book was about \$5000.00 and the cost will be built into the Fall Counselor Workshop. Jim asks for earlier notice on updating WSAC information.

Fall High School Counselor Workshop- Shannon Carr reporting: 928 registered with 886 high school participants attending. Total site revenue \$11300.00 of that we had to pay a portion to school principal Association for their portion of clock hours. Shannon has detailed spreadsheet she will forward upon request.

All of host sites are in place for the fall and will be up for registration on EventBrite within the next few days

TESC 9/15; WWU 9/16; SPU 9/17; WSU Vancouver 9/18, UW Bothell 9/19

Spokane, wsutricities, wvc 9/24 UW Tacoma 9/25

Shannon plans to utilize the go to meeting to have a meeting w/all host sites

Shannon refers to conversation re: charging membership which brings in about 6K.

It is increasingly challenging to keep track of schools who are members and those who are not.

If we raise the Fall Counselor Workshop fee by \$11.00, we would recoup the revenue lost in ceasing to charge the membership.

Our intention is to bring language to the Fall meeting to change the by-laws and we will have to vote on it at that meeting. However in advance of that we need to vote to change the workshop fee at this meeting.

Jim West brings up the opportunity to rebrand the Council if in fact there is no membership fee. He sees this as possibly increasing the numbers who come to the event and wonders about room.

Motion made by Shannon Carr to raise the fee for the Fall Counselor Workshop to \$56.00 and eliminate the non-member rate; **Motion seconded** by Wendy Petersen; Ayes have it, **motion passes.**

Shannon puts out a call for a chair of this commission since she is moving to the President position. Interested members should let Shannon know if interested.

Bryan Gould has also served on this commission to coordinate sites. For this year the Fall Counselor Workshop is pretty much set but this commission needs a chair. Workers on this commission do not necessarily have to be on the board. The expectation is that we each serve on commissions with the ultimate goal of serving on the executive council.

Bryan Gould thinks he can cover the work of coordinating the sites through the workers he has set in place.

Lucretia plans to send out a reminder postcards in May and again in September. Shannon will note the removal of the separate fees for workshops.

Bryan brings up private schools presenting at the Fall Counselor Workshops which has lengthened the program. How can this be navigated? Wendy suggests the people working in the commissions where colleges or programs are directly impacted get together to discuss ways to deal with this problem.

ICRC-Jim West reporting: No news to report since June, 2014 meeting. ICRC meets in April so Jim will have something to report at our June meeting,

Commission on Diversity and Equity Leiann DeVelder reporting. Leiann puts out a call for members to serve with her on this commission.

Leiann trains middle school and high school counselors as well as social services in topics concerning college bound students and would like to see more schools and community resources joining together with College Bound Scholars liasons to provide information to this population.

Transfer Advisers Workshop Carlos Williams reporting: April 25th @ Green River Kent Station from 9am-1pm. Online registration will begin soon.

General Membership Susan Mosby reporting: Susan puts out a call for members to join this commission, currently she is the only one on it. At June meeting we would like to discuss all the implications of discontinuing membership fee for high schools. Shannon would like to see the membership commission tackle the role of new members and a possible development of some sort of orientation. Also, membership commission may pick up the opportunity to arrange professional development at each meeting. This would assist the entire board to feel better connected in terms of expectations and willingness to serve on the council as part of one or more commissions with the ultimate goal of serving on the executive board.

If you are a commission chair Shannon would like to see you consider meeting ahead of the next meeting in Leavenworth or if that is not possible to invite possible new commission members to your commission.

Commission on Dual Credit Options-Valerie Frey-Running Start Meeting was at Spokane Falls in October. There were 13 sites participating via ITV. 2009 bill was passed that once a student completes an associate degree they can receive a state high school diploma. Career Start (Highline Community College) working with Federal Way district to develop course equivalencies which lead to professional technical degree. Transportation still seems to be a barrier to participation in Running Start, especially for low income students. The next meeting will be April 18 @ South Puget sound CC. Valerie would like to have a two-day conference in the fall maybe at CWU. Valerie would like to see more Tech Prep and AP options for students

New Business: Shannon brings up need for 3 Community College reps, one high school rep and one more independent college rep. Possibilities: Renee Novak- hs. Corey Andersen- hs, Gerard Grant from Evertt cc, Scott Kerwin-hs, Nancy Pemberton - hs. Maybe someone from a "big picture" school. Maybe one from Rural Alliance? Gerry Dyar? Or maybe he can recommend someone. Debbie Runddel from

Renton Tech has mentioned an interest. Ann Milinda from South Puget CC. Leiann brings up the idea of having a college student represented on the Council. NW Leadership Foundation is suggested by Jamie Buselmeier as a possible source of students. Wendy suggests that perhaps each commission should try to add a student to hear from them as opposed to have a student on the Council. This would dovetail with the idea of engaging those not at the table in each of the commissions.

Shannon looks at the lack of people on the Council from the Central Valley (Tri Cities and Yakima) for member nominations. If we have any ideas, send them to Paul. Chadd said there is a counselor interested in representing the independents. Melody Ferguson (PLU) would be another good independent school representative. Shannon suggests that we revisit those people who were not extended an invitation to join the board last time to see if we want to invite them to apply. Jim suggests it is on the Council webpage that we are looking for interested candidates. Kanah Valenzuela from Whitworth would also be a good board member.

Location and date for the summer meeting: June 23 and 24 in Leavenworth.

The fall dates are fluid. Lucretia will check on dates for the 20 through 24 of October. Wendy suggests Ellensberg for the fall and enlists the help of Kathy to research hotels. Hampton Inn and Best Western would be possible choices. This may be easier for members to access than Leavenworth for the fall meeting.

Motion made by Kathy Gaer-Carleton to adjourn the meeting

Wendy: Moves we adjourn

Paul seconds

Ayes have it meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

