

A commission of the Washington Council for High School- College Relations, Inc.

INTERCOLLEGE RELATIONS COMMISSION

The Fall Meeting was called to Order at 1:00pm in Butch's Den in the CUB at Washington State University on 10/11/2012 by ICRC chair Vicki Howell-Williams.

Ongoing Articulation Review (OAR) Committee Report: Cathy May – Chair

For the DTA, The OAR committee has identified some challenges with transfer courses from other schools outside of WA. In some cases, students may have completed 12 credits from one academic area and three quarter credits in another academic area to meet the 15 credit minimum. Transferring in 3 credits class into the DTA is proving to be problematic and should be treated as elective credit.

Bruce Simpson suggested representatives from the schools being reviewed should meet with the OAR committee to help explain how the catalog and transfer guides are developed and put together.

Scott Copeland would like Cathy to send him a list of who they are reviewing this year. The schools under review will be Shoreline, Skagit, Spokane, and Walla Walla. The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges has again asked the OAR committee to forward each report to them upon the completion of their review.

Articulation and Transfer Council (ATC): Kyle Hammon

New common course numbers have been developed. To view all of the common courses go to the following: <http://apps.sbctc.edu/ccn/viewCommonCourses.aspx>

Worked on WA 45 –A list of courses was recognized and it was determined that the courses must have a grade of “C” or better. This meets the idea of making the courses universally transferable.

- Stacked or Bucket courses = Can get credit for the highest level of the course even though there are a number of students who are in the course together. I.e – MATH 098 and 100 MATH098 and MATH100 students will be in the same course, as they move through they can actually move through the higher level.
- Focus area in CPLA

- State wants to increase STEM Enrollment
- Math in the DTA – Jim Brady. ATC plans to consider the current proposal to be moved through this Winter 2013 term and decided on in Spring 2013. The proposal is to remove the Intermediate Algebra requirement from the. Fall 2013 is the projected term of implementation. Most of the changes are to Quantitative Symbolic Reasoning. Philosophy as a QSR??? PHIL &120 – Symbolic Logic, PHIL& 117 – Traditional Logic PHIL&115 – Critical Thinking are the three courses that are in discussion. No more PHIL&106. It has been delisted. The pre-req of Intermediate Algebra will fall away, and a new definition for the Quantitative Reasoning will arise. It is still too early to make changes.
- COMPASS Exam may not be the best assessment for the college placement. This is now being questioned. Many schools are moving toward multiple tools/resources toward assessment including high school grades.

Debbie Crouch asked why ENGL100 is listed as a college-level course when it is not actually a college-level course. The Bachelorette Institutions would like to see all below college-level courses listed below 100. There are a number of schools, WWU & EWU as an example, of courses that are number 100 and do not count toward degree completion. A couple of community colleges were using English 100 as an elective. This will be put on the Spring ICRC agenda for more discussion. Please look into your own schools and see how it is being handled.

Washington Council for High School-College Relations (WCHSCR): Jim West

- Workshops were completed except for the Wenatchee one because of the fires. It has been moved to Leavenworth, WA. They have included institutional updates this year, so high schools can see them.
- Cathy Carlson-CWU is the new President of WCHSCR and Shannon Carr-EWU is the President Elect.
- WCHSCR is looking for a home for their Master Event Calendar. They want one central place for all recruitment activities and events. WSAC may be a possible home for the statewide calendar.
- OSPI has a new HS transcript. They are looking for feedback on how the new transcript is working. Is it too much to print/scan? Is it taking up too much space? ICRC would like to see this group move to an electronic transcript.
- Fall transfer fairs are being held. **WCHSCR** held their second transfer advisors workshop.

Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC): Jim West

- Members of the council are now formed and the first meeting was yesterday 10/10/2012. Brian Baired and Constance Rice serve as the chair and vice chair respectively. They have plans to develop a strategic plan by December 1st. Will be an outreach and advocacy focused agenda.
- Looking to work through all of education, not just higher education. They want to focus on generating more high school graduates who are ready for college study or other training.
- Running Start is working on a plan for the future. A committee is identifying issues that are critical for the system at this time. They are looking to engage the community more in process.
- The changes to the Business DTA were approved in July 1, 2012.
- RN to BSN pathway is being discussed. A committee tried to develop a pathway in the framework of the DTA, but there were too many credits. Looking at other models, could possibly become a different degree altogether.
- Elementary Ed MRP is up for review. A committee is being formed to address new standards for elementary education majors and the degree.
- New Website Policy will remain on the WSAC website
- Gear-Up Program has funding to create a website for parents and students. It will be the ReadySetGrad website. No announcement yet on when it will go live, possibly some time in 2013. If funding allows, WSAC will push to have components of the Academic GPS idea included on this website.
- Residency questions can still be directed toward Jim West.
- Jim West asked for a five minute table conversation of the critical issues in all of higher education system, write them down and give to him. He will take them back to the council. Asked that if you have other colleagues who would like to identify issues and provide suggestions that they can be mailed to Jim West directly.

State Board for Community And Technical College: Scott Copeland

Two years ago CCs were at peak even historical enrollments. Numbers are down system wide (about 4%).

- RS Programs – headcount is being affected by new funding model. Headcount went down, but FTEs went up. Smaller numbers of students are enrolling but are taking more college credits.
- College In The HS. Everett, Bellevue and Edmonds are still the biggest players for the program.
- Western Governors is increasing in enrollments. 2yrs ago they were at 565 students. Now 1200 plus.

- The Applied Baccalaureate Degrees offered by cc's the schools are expected to grow. Peninsula has an online cohort for one of the applied degrees.
- Marty Brown is the new Executive Director.

The PowerPoint is posted on the ICRC website.

Joint Transfer Council: Jane Sherman

Last meeting was in August. Business MRP is complete. Nursing MRP may take a different direction; it is well underway and ongoing. Group is appointed to move forward with the Elem Ed MRP review. Some MRP's were removed. Most of them were the ones that have Education MRPs in their title. Five of the MRPs for secondary education were eliminated. This decision was made based on the lack of enrollments in the program and they were not being offered on some campuses. To be clear there is a DTA/MRP in Biology. Only the Secondary Ed MRP in Biology was eliminated.

Business is the most popular MRP, then Nursing and Elementary Ed (Elem Ed is currently going through review).

- We will continue to talk about a Fine Arts MRP, not entirely clear on what areas of Fine Arts. Questions remain about what areas of common focus for a fine arts program degree.
- Craig Lewis wants to know how JTC decisions are disseminated. How do people know about the MRP's that are deleted for instance? Public BI's are informed through the Provost's offices. SBCTC sends out the information. Sometime the Services side doesn't hear from the Academic side.

Council of Presidents: Jane Sherman

David Schumacher (ways and means committee) was selected as the new Director. He will provide strong leadership in the funding areas. He starts on October 29th, 2012. BI Presidents met with the CC presidents to look for common concerns. Very positive meeting and look for more to come from that joint effort.

ICRC Executive Committee Update:

- Vicki Howell-Williams reported that during the joint ICRC/ JTC meeting in August, the JTC membership requested that ICRC please review all DTA provisos in order to simplify provisos language, revise, delete or streamline provisos where possible in support of greater alignment with the amended RCW 28B.76.240 and 2004 c 275 s 10 113. The hope is that these efforts and those of your university colleagues will provide students with DTA provisos and

policies that are more understandable, articulation practices that are more efficient and streamlined for all. We would like you to have these discussions with others on your campus and respond to this request prior to our meeting in October.

- ICRC awarded a total of \$500 for travel expenses to three of our members in order to attend this fall's meeting.
- Last spring meeting resulted in ICRC being instrumental in shaping the language of the WA 45.
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General Session Resumed at 8:32am on 10/12/2012

Unfinished Business

Math in the DTA – Jim Brady

ATC and others want to get rid of Intermediate algebra proficiency language in the DTA. These notions led to a refinement of the QSR requirement. We are now at a point where an agreement with JTC should be reached. Jim said they will remove Intermediate Algebra and require the QSR to be one of five pathways; Precalculus, Finite Mathematics, Math for Elementary Education, Statistics, and the equivalent to EWU's Math 115. Looking for this to be finished by Spring and implemented in Fall. Logic is not dead. Challenge of logic is ensuring that students choosing that pathway will have met a requirement equivalent to completing or satisfying the developmental Math sequence. We are trying to do something for the admission requirement and the general education requirement to make postsecondary Math coursework more preparatory than punitive. We would like it to mimic the writing pathway in that the standard lies in the college level course. There will be formal approval processes for this to go through.

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) – Jim West

The workgroup is struggling with how to best clarify guidelines /policies for PLA for everyone, while trying to keep the legislature from telling us what PLA is. Jim went to a Lumina convening. WA is seen as a leader in how to implement PLA as a state without it being mandated. Big meeting on November 2nd at South Seattle CC. Possibly a 100 to 200 people expected. Delving into the details of PLA and what progress has been made so far, what the programs are now... best practices, methods of assessment and crosswalks. There will be poster sessions about how folks are handling it at their respective institutions. The objective is to show folks what is happening in the state and how folks are utilizing PLA. There will be a student panel of student/veterans who have received PLA credit from their perspective. Guest speakers will also talk about what is happening nationally. Jim said that there will be breakout sessions where people can move around from table to table (fair style based on subjects) with experts at each table available for questions. Coding and tracking of PLA for everyone's campus is a topic of concern. We need to understand what we are coding and how to proceed. There is a Wiki for PLA that is open for all to view. Point of contacts should be out there and updates can be sent to

Jim. Peggy Moe says something must be done in the ICRC Handbook about how these will transfer as Gray Area electives. This will need to be updated. Transfer is one of the biggest issues with PLA.

There was some discussion about whether AP/IB , should be included as PLA. The workgroup has determined that they are NOT part of PLA. The legislature is looking for increases in areas that might be included as PLA.

PE Courses within the DTA: Bill Rambo

The ICRC Handbook states that a *maximum* of 3 credits of PE can be part of the DTA. Some folks interpret this as meaning you can use the 15credits in the gray area electives PE as well. That means a student can take a total of 18credits in the DTA. The handbook does not seem clear enough on this subject. Bill is looking for clarifications on the PE requirements. There is a second string to this and that is the PE Professional courses. There is a push to have a cross training course that will include nutrition and that will make it a Professional course. He is asking for this group to weigh in.

PE Discussion:

- UW – Emily Leggio, it is determined that only 3cr are part of the DTA. That is how UW would accept the credits.
- CWU – Bruce Simpson wants the group to consider how the native student progresses through the degree.
- Craig Lewis - asked the question if that might erode the DTA and its intent. The question is, is this a DTA with 18cr of PE courses.
- Some schools limit the number of PE course in the elective areas, some schools do not. The Evergreen State College doesn't transcript any PE Courses.
- Jim Brady said that it is not a restricted course, so it should not show up in the 15 gray area.
- Does the 15 gray area credits mean any course that is numbered 100 or above? Or does it mean only courses from the restricted area only?

Vicki Howell-Williams asked that we put together a workgroup to continue working through this conversation. Please let the executive team member know if you are interested.

Good of the order Comments:

Academic Performance Reports-

Jim West, Jane Sherman and Scott Copeland said that the Education Research and Data Center (ERDC) said they can collect it though the PEECHES info and report out. Given their other priorities, they are over two and half years behind on this. A data sharing agreement has been signed to share this specific data. Anyone could see them if given to the schools' Institutional Research office and ICRC representative. SBCTC is collecting this data and will send it out eventually (no time frame at this time). Scott Copeland will check on timeframes and report back to the listserv.

Associate in Fine Arts – Debbie Crouch

Is this something that is a viable option for us to put together an MRP in Fine Arts?? We will put this on the listserv and see what interest there is in this. Andrew from Clark will send out what they have done for FA because they are seeing some demand. It is not a DTA, but more of an AST model. WWU does have some agreements with schools.

- Vicki Howell-Williams asked if we could consider a searchable Database of transferrable credits AP/CLEP/DANTES if we do not already have one somewhere.– Is there one of these? There is AP information on the WSAC website. Jim said that it seems logical to have this information housed on the WSAC site.
- Please send Professional Development ideas for spring's meeting to Vicki or other members of the executive team.
- Debbie suggested that questions submitted to the question box will be posted to the list serve for the membership to respond.

A hearty thank you was given to WSU and Susan Poch for hosting the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.