

MEMORANDUM

To: ASC Members

From: Matt Petry

Date: February 17, 2015

Subject: Notes from January 29, 2015 ASC Meeting

Members present in person: Matt Petry, Larry Buchholtz, Claire Smith, Nancy Morton, Lynnde Colling, Cheryl Heath, Carol Hoglund, Sheldon Flom, Ron Granger, Ron Laher, Jayne Myrick, Herry Andrews and Rex Cogdill. There was no Executive Council representation.

Agenda Item 1: Supplemental Budget

- Larry indicated that during budget mark-up, the Joint Appropriations Committee recommended approval of Level II design funding for both Casper College's and Northern Wyoming Community College District's projects, but recommended denial of design funding for Central Wyoming College's Jackson project.

Agenda Item 2: Other Legislative Updates (since January 23 conference call)

- Matt and Larry provided recent updates on the five most closely-watched bills: recalibration, veterans' in-state tuition, Wyoming Investment in Nursing program, State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement, and charter schools. Matt reminded the ASC members of Dr. Rose's teleconference updates every Friday morning at 9:00, and invited them to call in if interested.

Agenda Item 3: Update on State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) Development

- Matt notified the ASC members that Dynamic Campus was selected as the consulting firm for the system-wide data warehousing and reporting needs analysis, and that they're scheduled to begin work on Tuesday, February 3. Matt provided a handout to the group members which summarizes the process Dynamic Campus will follow, as well as the level of involvement expected of the colleges.
- Matt also informed the ASC members that Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) had finished some preliminary development work on the project to automate transcript sharing for students transferring between UW and the seven colleges. Prior to moving forward, ETS was awaiting the results of a survey it had prepared and sent to the college CIOs.

Agenda Item 4: Topics Discussed during Preceding Executive Council Meeting

- Just before the ASC meeting, Matt attended the Executive Council (EC) meeting. Though most of the discussion focused on data warehousing and reporting, the EC members decided to meet in Sheridan just before the June 26 Commission meeting to settle on those performance funding metrics that would be modeled for consideration of full implementation starting in fiscal-year 2017. Dr. Nolte also provided an update on Casper College's study of possible tuition rate freezes for continually enrolled students; he indicated that the study would probably be finished at the end of the spring semester, and that the findings and conclusions might be available for the Commission's consideration during its June 26 meeting.

Agenda Item 5: Ad-Hoc Report Requests for Department of Workforce Services, Research and Planning Division

- With finalization of the report request process, Matt indicated that once Andy Corbin and his staff were finished standardizing the colleges' Hathaway Scholarship Program data-set, colleges could begin submitting requests. Faced with some other project priorities, completion of this standardization process had been delayed approximately three weeks to late February.

Agenda Item 6: Academic-Year 2014 Course Completion

- Matt reminded the ASC members that course completion reports were typically generated in February of each year after NCCBP statistics for the preceding academic year were released. Given the aggregation of course data in the Commission's instance of CROA, Matt was confident that the reports could be run internally without having to provide customized programming to each of the colleges, as had been the case in the past. Matt also reminded the group that in fiscal-year 2016, the percentage of variable cost funding subject to course completion rates and volumes would increase to 20 percent (from its current level of 15 percent). And finally, Matt reminded the group that the allocation of enrollment growth appropriations for fiscal-year 2016 would be based on only course completion volumes, not rates.

Agenda Item 7: Interest in Physical Security Assessments by Federal Homeland Security

- As he had done in December, Matt reminded the ASC members that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security offers no-cost, no-obligation physical security assessments, as well as cyber security assessments. While cyber security training for all colleges had been scheduled for mid-February, only three of the seven colleges had requested physical security assessments, with a fourth college considering joining in.

Agenda Item 8: College Forms and Reports Matrix

- Larry thanked the ASC members for their recent submissions, including those with December 31 deadlines – fiscal-year 2014 audit reports, and calendar-year 2014 SHEEO presidents' salary surveys.

Next ASC Meeting / Teleconference

- February 26 Teleconference, 2:30 to 4:00