

Wyoming Community College Commission



Student Services Council

Meeting Notes

Date: 8:00 PM Friday September 26, 2014

Place: Rm 302 Wyoming Union, UW, Laramie, WY

Members Present:

CC: Kim Byrd	NWCCD: Sharon Elwood
CWC: Cory Daly	Carol Garcia
CWC: Rex Cogdill	NWC: Sean Fox
LCCC: Judy Hay	WWCC: Jackie Freeze
	WCCC: Joe McCann

1) Agenda item: Corrections of the prior meeting notes – Corrections of the prior meeting notes – None were noted

2) Announcements and Rumor Clarification –

- Rex Cogdill recounted a number of rumors surrounding
- CWC has a new President, Cristobal Valdez.
- EWC has an Interim President, Rick Patterson.
- Casper College has hired a consulting firm to do a presidential search.
- Enrollment: Numbers are down; some declines are thought to be related to a decrease
in new students and retention issues. Some students whose financial aid has maxed
out also have an effect.
- LCCC now requires anyone who receives institutional aid has to complete a FAFSA application.

3) Agenda item: Updates -

(a) Potential Wyoming SARA related legislation

Discussion: It now appears that potential SARA legislation will not be discussed at the at the 10/23/14 JEIC meeting. Draft legislation has been worked on that would permit the State of Wyoming to join a State Authorization Reciprocity Consortium. Your Presidents have supported joining a consortium as well as Ex. Director Rose's efforts to interact with UW and others to inform the development of potential legislation. Sponsorship of this legislation is now uncertain.

(b) Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)

Discussion: There was a brief discussion of possible impacts of SBAC assessment on H.S./community college student transition and on assisting students to gain or maintain math and composition skills required in gateway math and English composition courses. Joe McCann answered some questions stimulated by an email about 11th grade assessment. SBAC could provide an opportunity to partner with school districts on assessment and developmental skills building. Jim Rose is the SBAC higher education rep. for the state and is keeping Governor apprised of the issue.

(c) CERT definition progress

Discussion: Academic VP's will instigate discuss at individual college discussions of certificate definitions before further AAC consideration//13/14. These definitions may be used in a college completion metric. This topic was been discussed at this week's President's Council meeting.

(d) Assembling developmental education information in anticipation of the introduction of another defunding bill in the 2015 General Session of the Wyoming Legislature.

Discussion: The WCCC policy analyst, CIO and SLDS Coordinator are putting together information using CROA and then will share with colleges. Joe McCann will gather info from each of the colleges on how they are addressing developmental education issues.

4) Agenda item: Immigration status and admissions - Rex Cogdill

Discussion: Rex stated the discussion with a question about admission of immigrant students who graduated from Wyoming High Schools. The colleges are not consistent in the admission of recent high school graduates with visas and/or students whose parent/guardians had visas at the time of the student's high school graduation. A summary follows of admission all high school graduates and tuition:

Casper: Accepts all; charges out of state

LCCC: Accepts all; charges out of state

NWCCD: If WY HS grad accept; if not don't accept. Charge out-of-state status.

NWC: Accepts all; charges out of state

WWCC: Accepts all; charges out of state

CWC: Accepts all; charges out of state

UW: Unsure?

Determination of residency is in WCCC rules and modifications could be addressed in rules making. Probably in March.

Action: Kim made a motion to recommend deletion “notwithstanding (b) above “ in WCCC Rules Chapter Three, Section 5. (c) and to insert new veterans tuition statute language in rules. Judy Hay seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 7:1 vote. Joe could take this SSC recommendation forward to the Executive Council before any post-legislative rulemaking ensues spring 2015.

5) Agenda item: **Veteran Student residency** for tuition changes–

Discussion: Kim Bryd and Jackie Freeze brought up a need to change the WCCC rules on veteran tuition rates SEA 21. Some colleges have not adjusted their protocols to be consistent with SEA 21 which modifies the residency status for tuition determination for Wyoming residents who are veterans.

Action: Rex Cogdill, Judy Hay and Joe McCann will review the current rules in light of 2013 legislation and report back to the council.

6) Agenda item: **SSC liaisons** to the committees set out on the WCCC consultation policy –

Action: the following volunteered to serve as committee liaisons

Marketing Committee – Jackie Freeze

Financial Aid – Sharon Elwood

Admissions – Kim Byrd

Registration – Rex Cogdill

7) Agenda item: **WySAC re-cap** – Rex Cogdill

Critique:

- Almost \$0 left in the WySAC budget.
- Snow King Resort was difficult to work with. Billing confusing. Carol Garcia is still negotiating bills!
- Worked well with while we were there. Snow King’s Sarah was good to work with.
- Food was an issue; some not cooked well.
- Programs went well; good speakers.
- We need to be better organized.
- The addition of the GPS Conference added on at the end created some problems.

Ideas for the next conference:

- Include UW in planning; need to include them early on.
- Need to decide on a date earlier.
- It was more of a student success conference rather than a networking opportunity. Investigate two separate conferences next time.
- Do we want to continue going to Jackson? Maybe back to Jackson Lake Lodge?

- Consider doing a WySAC every year; 1 at individual campuses and the next year at Jackson.
- Time of year; if want to include faculty, during school year? Maybe WACCT meeting?

8) Agenda item: Needs-based financial aid – Cory Daly

Discussion:

- Joe McCann distributed copies of a document the financial aid officers assembled in 2011.
- Judy Hay outlined new activities at LCCC.

9) Agenda item: Improving the metric for reporting “Placement rate of graduates in the workplace”. {Community College Commission statutes, 21-18-202,(h), iii,(D)}

Discussion: WCCC and the colleges are working on a MOU with Dept. of Workforce Development that will help with this. Employment data would be with states that Workforce Development have an agreement with. Data WDS: Research and Planning would share is aggregate and not at record level which limits the usefulness of the results. The AAC members like both the survey option as well as “piggybacking” on DWS: Research and Planning’s new employee questionnaire.

Consensus: The SSC agreed that both options should be pursued.

10) Agenda item: Complete College Wyoming (CCW) – Jackie Freeze, Judy Hay and Joe McCann

a) Metrics – Jackie Freeze provided an update on metrics.

b) Dev. Ed. Conference - Dev. Ed. Conference will be held October 3rd.

c) CC/UW Initiatives list –

Consensus: SSC members would gather information and updates by Nov. 28th. Joe will send out the fall 2013 version for AAC and SSC members to revise their college’s information.

11) Additional agenda items:

a) TITLE IX Preparation (Judy Hay): How is everyone doing?

WWCC: Uses “*MyStudentBody.com*” brochures and posters for part-time students.

CWC: Everything that is being done is home-grown. Discussed at staff in-service

NWC: Rewriting policy; group meeting weekly. Lots of questions out there.

LCCC: Had consultant do workshops and meetings with staff. Student signs an agreement on what is confidential and what is not. Did a climate survey in spring, 2014; electronic survey. LCCC uses “*CampusClarity*”.

EWC: Not much thus far.

NWCCD: Doing a piece on alcohol education.

CCC: Uses “*Not Any More*”; 1/3 completed in face-to-face orientation.

Using registration hold to track students who have completed.

b) SEVIS RECERTIFICATION (Rex Cogdill):

c) WCCC will consider tuition hikes at a possible December WWC meeting

d) EWC GO Bond: Rex Cogdill provided an update.

e) New Athletic scholarship requirement: There is a need to change athletic scholarship GPA requirement to 2.5 (because of a NJCAA requirement).

f) Sharon Elwood asked about entering into a Concurrent Enrollment MOU with an out of state school district. Joe McCann wasn't aware of anything in statute or WCCC rules that would prevent that.

12) Is the next meeting scheduled soon enough? Yes, the next SSC meeting is scheduled via telephone conference 8:30 AM. Th. 11/20/14.