

Wyoming Community College Commission
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COMMUNITY COLLEGES

**Student Academic Affairs Council
Meeting Notes**

Date: 8:30 AM. April 24, 2015

Place: Conference Call

Members present:

CC: President Nolte
Kim Byrd

CWC: Cory Daly

EWC: Rex Cogdill

LCCC: Judy Hay

NWC: Sean Fox

NWCCD: Sharon Elwood
Carol Garcia

WWCC: Jackie Freeze

WCCC: Joe McCann

Matt Petry

Cayse Cummings

1) Agenda item: Corrections of the prior meeting notes;

2) Announcements and Rumor Clarification – Dr. Nolte said he has enjoyed being involved with the SSC group but this meeting would probably be his last (due to his upcoming retirement in June). Numerous members relayed their appreciation and gratitude for his involvement.

-Updates were provided on current senior level position searches. CWC is holding interviews for an academic VP and the search for an academic VP at Eastern is ongoing.

-Sean Fox announced that he will not be coming back at the end of June due to family commitments that are taking his family elsewhere.

-This meeting marked the last SSC meeting for President Nolte. He was thanked for his commitment to attend and participate in SSC meeting these past three years. Paul Young will appoint the next AAC presidential Liaison for the AAC.

-CWC is losing an HR person and is advertising for a Director of Admissions.

-LCCC may need an additional admissions representative and is getting close to hiring an athletic director.

3) Agenda item: **Updates**

a) **WCCC rules, Chapter 3 section 5.** (including **residency** for tuition purposes) –

Discussion:

Discussion: Matt Petry participated in this discussion. The Commission approved its draft rules 4/16/15 with the exception of *Chapter 3, Section 5. Establishing Residency Requirements*. Joe sent an early draft of this section to the SSC members March 23rd. A more refine version was placed in the 4/16/15 WWCC meeting packet.

Joe McCann emailed SSC members an alternative version which the WCCC staff supplied as “hard copy” to the WCC Commissioners at the 4/16 WCCC meeting for SSC member reference during this SSC meeting.

Matt Petry said that the alternate attempted to accomplish 3 things in Chapter 3 with changes:

- Need to be in compliance with changes to federal law and also state law recently passed.
- Differences between CC and UW residency requirements for WY HS grads.
- Address those students eligible for in-state tuition consistent with POTUS executive orders on immigration.

Matt Petry feels that Executive Director Rose may provide the Commissioners two choices of Chapter 3 section 5 *Establishing Residency Requirements to consider at their June 26th Meeting*

Clarity- Rex felt that the rules need to clearly spell out residency requirements for students and college staff. Matt reminded the group that the Commission like all the state agencies have been tasked by Governor Mead with the simplifying and shortening rules in part by omitting repletion of statute. Not doing so would result in rule change request to be rejected by the AG’s office, LSO or the Governor’s Office.

Section 5 (c) - Judy Hay recommended that this reference to visas needs to be more narrowly defined because its application as written would result in all foreign students qualifying for in-state tuition.

Linkage to UW residency policy {Section 5 (c) (i)} – Matt and Joe said that doing this would keep the rule brief. This was questioned because the U’s policy could change over time and that that brevity could result in future confusion. Both the college’s and the U’s residency for tuition determination policies must be consistent with the same statute. Not all the SSC members felt this was advisable partly because UW’s regulations could change over time.

Comprehensiveness - Many SSC members felt that the alternative provided to the WCCC 4/16 by WCCC staff is not comprehensive enough. In order encompass more individuals living in Wyoming, WCCC rules would have to move beyond POTUS executive orders on immigration. A number of the SSC members feel that this is the opportunity to address the concern in some communities that people who live and work in the state have to pay higher tuitions rates to get a college education. Informal guidance from the AG's office confirms that is that the WCCC has the responsibility of establishing residency for tuition determination rules. Once such approval occurs these rules are reviewed by the AG's office, LSO and by the Governor. Joe and Matt's sense is that there would be political opposition to rules that exceed current presidential executive orders. Joe's perspective is that legislator political leanings are more conservative over the state than is true in in some pockets like Sweetwater County. There is a risk that a more comprehensive version would not be approved if forwarded by the WCCC. Matt reminded the SSC members that if an agency implement rules that are not popular with legislators, they could come back and pass a statute that trump rules in a future session. Many of the SSC urged the WCCC staff to think of all those who live and work in Wyoming.

Action: Once there was apparent consensus, the SSC members present voted unanimously, by individual college SSC member, in favor of recommending that the WCCC staff present an alternative version of Chapter 3 section 5 *Establishing Residency Requirements* that would afford Wyoming in-state residency status for tuition rate determination to individuals living in the state regardless of official residency or INS status.

- b) Efficacy of using the official enrollment census date as a Hathaway census date – Has this item been resolved?

Status: YES, the decision has been made to make these dates synonymous.

- c) Definition of a student trained for **VAWA implementation** –

Discussion: Rex Cogdill advised that he sent out the US Department of Education's definition to the council members. The SSC members is currently working on definitions at their colleges. Jackie Freeze mentioned that during an AAC Convention session meeting on the implementation of VAWA it was mentioned that the colleges have to provide this training but students don't have to complete.

The challenge of implementing this program were discussed. The different methods available to accomplish this task:

- Have a "module" as part of initial registration
- Hold back registration until course is completed

- Block re-registration until follow-up to ensure on individual student training completion
 - Establish as a specific module within an existing course
- Protocols will be up to each campus. Almost no WY colleges are blocking registrations. LCCC is only one that does now but may not in future.

d) AAC's certificate definition recommendations –

Discussion: Joe McCann said the AAC's certificate definition recommendation to the Executive Council was reviewed during the 4/15/15 EC meeting. They decided to put this topic on their upcoming retreat agenda since it has implications for performance funding. EC discussion included the following:

- One Year Certificate "ceiling" for credit hours, 24 vs. 30 semester hours
- Should short term certificates include certificates requiring as few as 6 credit hours?
- Efficacy of transfer certificates
- Determination of which new newly approved certificates count as a student completion for a WCCC degree/certificate completion metric for potential use in a future version of the funding formula.
- Are the definitions to "wide open"?

e) Transcript transmittal to and reception from UW-

Discussion: Rex reported that this issue was discussed at a recent Registration Committee meeting. Sharon Elwood reported that UW is not able at this time to get a touchless transfer they desire. Matt explained the potential use of the Clearinghouse for transcript transfer. Neither Banner nor Colleague supports two way touchless transfer at this time. An easy solution is available to transmit via pdfs but will still need people to review transcripts. UW McGinnity has said that electronic transfer of transcripts was something accomplished during his tenure. Dr. Nolte said the presidents do not see this as a high priority due to other data needs at this time.

f) Completion conference and WySAC planning

Discussion: Carol Garcia, Joe McCann and Rich Hall had a planning discussion on April 17. There is an immediate need to get a date for the two conferences. Joe McCann mentioned there is a need to identify the dates for these two conferences as well as venues. He suggested approaching Complete College America to host a workshop or provide a speaker. Joe would like to get input from both the SSC and AAC members in the next couple of weeks. Cory Daly suggested the WySAC and Completion conference be hosted by one college since enrollments are down and budgets are tight. Those three members of the steering committee feel it is crucial that we have a discussion of content. WACCT decided not to have their fall 2015 Community College Summit, so it will

be impossible for a WACCT Summit and the Completion Conference to share a key note speaker. Carol Garcia noted that we need to move forward to secure venue and dates. The intent at this time is to fold developmental education and other completion topics into the completion conference in order to facilitate student services staff/ administrator/ faculty dialog. A Sept/Oct was suggested for a Completion Conference.

Action Item: Rex Cogdill has send out an email to the members regarding possible dates for WySAC 2016. Joe will schedule another conference call

- 4) Agenda item: Completion Conference **content** - Rex Cogdill, Cory Daly, Joe McCann and Carol Garcia
Action Item: Cory Daly will do an e-mail solicitation for topics for this conference.
- 5) Agenda item: **CCW update** – Jackie Freeze asked to **defer this status report** to the next meeting due to time constraints.
- 6) Admissions; Financial Aid; Marketing, and/or Registration **Committee reports:**
Postponed to next meeting
 - a. Marketing – Jackie Freeze
 - b. Admissions – Kim Byrd
- 7) **Other** agenda items: None
- 8) The next SSC meeting is scheduled for **8:30 AM. May 21, 2015.**