

# Wyoming Community College Commission



## Student Services Council Meeting Notes

**Date: 9:00 AM, Thursday December 17, 2015**

**Place: Conference call**

### **Members present:**

CC:	Kim Byrd	NWC:	Brad Hammond
CWC:	Cory Daly	WWCC:	Jackie Freeze
LCCC:	Judy Hay	WCCC:	Joe McCann
NWCCD:	Sharon Elwood		Cayse Cummings
	Carol Garcia		

**1) Agenda item: Corrections of the prior meeting notes -None**

**2) Announcements and Rumor clarification- None**

**3) Agenda item: Updates**

**a) Last Tuition Report and the next tuition setting process –**

**Discussion:** Joe McCann provided a synopsis of the current tuition setting process which has been in place since a WCCC 2006 tuition study. Judy Hay said a change in the FAFSA student aid application will allow students to apply for Pell grants and guaranteed student loans earlier in the enrollment cycle. That change will be facilitated by requiring students or their families to base FAFSA applications on “prior, prior” federal income tax year returns, starting the fall of 2017. There was agreement that setting tuition rates earlier in the cycle would be beneficial for college recruitment efforts if this change is made. Judy suggested once a biennium for tuition setting.

**Consensus:** was reached for the SSC to request the Executive Council (EC) consider setting tuition for a two year period of time that would be in sync with the budget biennium.

**b) SSC and AAC rejection of “open class periods” suggestion**

**Status:** – Joe McCann reported that both the AAC and SSC rejected this suggestion made during the September 215 UW/Community College Articulation Conference.

- c) **Bringing the articulation MOU document** for the 2+2's and the Associates/General Education Articulation **to closure** –  
**Deadline:** Joe McCann said input from the colleges should be submitted by the end of the week, tomorrow December 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - d) Upcoming period for **public input** on a draft Wyoming WIOA State Plan –  
**Action:** Joe McCann will advise both the AAC and SSSC once he knows the specific dates. He will also identify important sections for all to read.
  - e) Governor Mead's **budget request**-  
**Discussion:** Funding has been found to support the "Moving Forward" data project through FY '18. Subsequently, a '17-'18 budget exception request for funding this project was redacted.
  - f) HLC's **Guidelines on Faculty Qualifications** document-  
**Discussion:** Joe McCann said the AAC tried to get a HLC VP liaison for a group discussion at the last AAC meeting. However, it appears the HLC wants to interact only with each college individually regarding this issue. Joe also mentioned that K-12 NCA members have concerns regarding concurrent enrollment faculty qualifications requirements which have been communicated to HLC leaders.
- 4) Agenda item: Admissions; Financial Aid; Marketing, and/or Registration **Committee reports:**
- a) Marketing – Jackie Freeze said the Marketing Committee met last week. "It's business as usual" with that group.
  - b) Financial Aid – Sharon Elwood reported on pertinent items from a recent FSA federal conference and subsequent gearing up required for 2016.
  - c) Admissions – Kim Byrd reported that there were no new updates.
  - d) Registration – Rex Cogdill was not in attendance.
- 5) **Other** agenda items:
- a) Judy Hay advised everyone UW residency changes didn't solve the current community college issue. A student still must be in Wyoming for seven months. Joe McCann said he would put this on the agenda for ongoing updates as to how this will affect the community colleges.  
**Consensus:** There was consensus for the SSC to look at reviewing the joint residency guidelines during the spring '16 semester.

b) A question was asked regarding the Ellucian student planning modules and if the community colleges were all planning to purchase that product.

**Action:** An email addressing this will be sent later today from Matt Petry, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer for the commission.

c) Joe McCann advised the council Ellucian will be a sponsor for this year's WACCT conference in February.

6) Agenda item: **2016 SSC meeting schedule**

**Consensus:** The latest '16 SSC meeting schedule was approved including a Feb. SSC face-to-face meeting at 8:30 AM Fri. 2/19/2016.

7) The **next SSC meeting** is scheduled for January 21, 2016 via telephone conference.