

Wyoming Community College Commission



Student Services Council Meeting Notes

Date: 8:30 AM, January 28, 2016

Place: Conference call

Members present:

CC:	Kim Byrd	NWCCD:	Carol Garcia
CWC:	Cory Daly	WWCC:	Jackie Freeze
EWC:	Rex Cogdill	WCCC:	Joe McCann
LCCC:	Judy Hay		Cayse Cummings

- 1) Corrections of the prior **meeting notes** – None
- 2) **Congratulations Jackie!!** She announced that she is retiring at the end of June! Jackie has been at WWCC for 43 years. **Fellow members all said she will be missed.**
- 3) **Announcements and Rumor clarification- None**
- 4) Agenda item: **Updates**
 - a. Refinement of Postsecondary Education Opportunity Program (**PEOP**) **report data collection-**
Discussion: Joe McCann said discussions have occurred between WDE representatives, Nicole Anderson, Joe, Andy Corbin, Geir Solvang and himself with WDE regarding enrollment data that are used in the PEOP report. School districts input enrollment data, including concurrent enrollment (CE) and dual enrollment (DC) to WDE three times per year. WDE folks believe their headcounts can be matched with the community college concurrent and dual enrollment data from the “Moving Forward” centralized data. After matching, the data can be sent to school districts and community colleges DC/CE liaisons for collaborative correction of those enrollments. Those corrections ideally will improve the enrollment data provided in the subsequent third WDE data pull in mid-summer and colleges’ PEOP data.
 - b. **Next WCCC tuition setting process-**
Discussion: Joe McCann advised the group Matt Petry sent out a document regarding the comparative of tuition mechanisms among neighboring states. Matt

Petry said he was currently working on a matrix and would shortly share with the group how the data “shook out.” Four different types of inflation indices were offered and all seven colleges preferred at least one of these indices. This appears to be one of the most popular options. Charging tuition on all credit hours - preferred option #2. Charging for credit hours up to 15 instead of 12, 16 above no charge – option #3. Matt went through the rest of the chosen options and how many colleges chose any of the other options. One option discussed for a long time was tuition freezes and that was opposed by six colleges. The matrix will be in commission packets and will be shared with the ASC this afternoon. Matt Petry said he could send this information to the SSC as well. Cory Daly asked Matt Petry “wouldn’t that invite tuition to go up and down?” Matt stated there are two options that we currently use when the state allows us to do external cost adjustment. Yes, the tuition could decrease with the use of indices. Most colleges chose more than one option. Two colleges suggested using a blended rate of more than one but not any specific one. The time frame on this project for a long term method for setting tuition rates may be affected by the state’s funding. The commission will make a tuition rate decision after the legislative session ends. We have more time to work on this project since implementation of a modified mechanism in fall 2017 isn’t likely. When mineral values go down so do assessed values and property tax on mineral producing lands go down. Matt Petry said setting tuition biennially is still being considered. He said it really makes sense since state appropriations are set every two years. This will be discussed at the commission meeting on February 17th.

- c. Upcoming period for **public input** on a draft Wyoming WIOA State Plan-
Discussion: Joe McCann advised that a public input period has not been scheduled yet. A draft of the plan has been sent to the state Workforce Investment Board (WIB) members and to the governor’s office. A multi-week public input period should be scheduled soon.

- d. Governor Mead’s **budget request**-
Discussion: Matt Petry informed the group that the colleges generally fared well through the joint interim appropriation committee (JIAC) review. JIAC is currently requesting a 1.5% cut across the board. However, the JIAC is suggesting complete elimination of Wyoming Family Literacy (WYFLI) as well as a decrease for the WYIN and the WAPLR programs. Joe McCann said there was a positive note in that money was found to continue progress on the Moving Forward project out of the current budget.

- e. “Of-interest” **legislative bills** already filed -
Joe McCann said there aren’t a lot yet this year. The following were brought to the attention of the SSC members:

HB5-

HB19-

SF25-

5) Agenda item: **Possible CCCSE workshop** sometime in the next 15 months-

Discussion: Joe McCann was contacted by a representative from a CCSSE representative who alerted us of CCSSE's willingness to do another workshop. A concern was mentioned regarding travel costs as the colleges are "tightening their belts." Joe McCann will research further for specific times. He mentioned it would be nice hold the workshop after receiving the latest data, around August. It might be combined with September UW/Community Colleges Articulation Conference.

Action Item: Joe McCann will also consult the AAC members next month regarding this topic.

6) Agenda item: Potential grant RFP to benefit **homeless college students** –

Discussion: Joe McCann has been contacted by Kenya Haynes with the WDE regarding a grant that provides benefits to homeless college students. There was interest in further discussion, possibly next month.

7) Agenda item: Admissions; Financial Aid; Marketing, and/or Registration **Committee reports:**

- a. Marketing – Jackie Freeze advised the last meeting scheduled was cancelled, but a face-to-face meeting in Cheyenne will be held soon.
- b. Financial Aid – No report
- c. Admissions – No report
- d. Registration – No report

8) **Other** agenda items: Joe McCann mentioned the functional group meetings are ongoing but nothing to report at this time.

-Judy Hay- Training encouraged to attend a "**Bringing in the bystander**" program. She asked if anyone might be interested in having a train the trainer event. When more information is received, she will send out to fellow members.

-Judy Hay alerted the SSC members that LCC is working on some kind of placement mechanism with the fall 2016 exit of COMPASS. They are moving toward using GPA and not using AccuPlacer as the default test. Jackie Freeze mentioned at WWCC: Math will use ACT and high school GPA, ALEKS (McGraw Hill's **A**ssessment and **L**earning in **K**nowledge **S**paces) will be the test used and English faculty will use an in house essay. McGraw Hill might provide a consortium discount. WWCC has done research, while ALEKS is expensive it's worth it. Cory Daly advised CWC is researching Smarter Balanced. Jackie Freeze said it would be beneficial to have the math articulation group discuss state wide. Christine Garbet at WWCC would be good contact due to her knowledge in the area. Joe McCann said the AAC will revisit this when they get together next month.

-Judy Hay asked the group about vetting felon admission applications. Joe McCann will add this topic to next month's SSC agenda.

-Rex Cogdill asked for an electronic transcripts update- Joe McCann said the status of a potential etranscript project is still the same. This project is pending until Ellucian comes up with touchless capability for both Banner and Colleague.

- 9) The next SSC meeting will be face-to-face Friday, 2/19/16 at 8:30 AM in conjunction with the WACCT meeting in Cheyenne.