

Wyoming Community College Commission



Student Services Council Meeting Notes

Date: 8:30 - 9:55 AM. Thursday, March 12, 2013

Place: Telephone Conference –

Members present:

CC	Joanna Anderson
CWC	Cory Daly
EWC	Rex Cogdill
	Dee Ludwig
NWCCD	Sharon Elwood
NWC	Sean Fox
WWCC	Jackie Freeze
WCCC	Joe McCann

Meeting Notes

1. Corrections of the prior **meeting notes** – None
2. **Announcements and Rumor Clarification** – None
3. Agenda items: Update -
 - a. Follow-up on the Developmental Practitioners **Conference** –
Discussion: Reactions to the conference included:
“We aren’t doing enough and can improve”, “the interventions already started are impressive”; “we are doing ok now and can improve our present approaches”, “our challenge is to better educate the detractors of our current efforts”, “the conference was great and we need to do it again”, “the legislature should refrain from defunding developmental courses”, and we are shocked that WY legislators would even consider defunding developmental courses. Lou Flaim is collecting the recommendations for action form the three wrap-up sessions.
 - b. **Rescheduling** ACT’s Heidi Hanson
Action: The council decided to ask her to make a presentation at the SSC’s June face-to-face meeting. Joe McCann will make the invitation.

- c. **CCA metrics** submission timelines –
Deadlines: The IR Committee set 4/19 as the deadline for college submission to George Pitt, WCCC Policy Analyst and submission to CCA will be by 5/15/13.

- d. **CCA participation update** –
Discussion: Jackie Freeze and Joe McCann shared that:
Work continues to secure business and industry, K-12, and legislative representation on the Wyoming CCA Team. Patrice Noel, UW Transfer and Success Director, is now serving as UW’s member on the WY CCA Team. Five members of the team will attend a **15 to Finish** CCA event in Denver 4/9/13. Joe McCann is acting as an interim team liaison due to Jim Rose’s increased work load as interim WDE Director.

- e. Status of Pearson/Smarthinking **incentive program** consideration – Joe McCann
Discussion: April 11th the AAC members discussed investigation of alternative online tutorial services to Smarthinking and resolved to consider action after the current Smarthinking contract is finalized for 2013-2014. The AAC reached consensus to take no further action on the use of other Pearson products in the interest of getting a discount on Smarthinking rates.
SSC perspective: Investigating other alternatives is a good idea.

- f. **Crisis Communication Plan Workshop:**
Discussion: Rex Cogdill and Joanna Anderson updated the council members this workshop, which most of the community colleges will participate in, is this April 30/May 1 in Casper.
Action: Sean Fox volunteered to share emergency planning procedures and document developed at NWC.

- g. **Executive Council action** on SSC’s approval of the IR Committee’s request to change its status in the WCCC Consultation policy to become a Council and report to the EC.
Announcement: The Executive Council approved this SSC recommendation.

- 4. Agenda item: “**Need-based scholarships**”: how each institution is addressing this gap now and plans for the future?
Next step: Determine the funding sources and number served currently -

- 5. Agenda item: Discussion of **academic progress/standards of progress** –

Discussion: Cory Daly asked, “whether the colleges have a standard”? CWC does not. CC requires students placed on probation to take an “on course” class before being allowed to take further courses. CC, EWC, NWCCD, NWC and WWCC have a standard of progress. LCCC was not represented in this discussion.

6. Agenda item: **Discussion of a recommendation** to the WCCC to use 10% of the variable cost portion WY Community College funding formula (about 4% of state funding) for competitive college completion grants rather than allocating by course completion in the next biennium.

Discussion -

The following concerns were voiced:

- Resources could be withdrawn for other operations including newly instigated completion interventions
- This part of the budget could become a target for future budget cuts given recent biennia history of eliminating WCCC incentive funding.
- There could be an adverse effect of repurposing or adding of personnel to implement interventions if this 4% being “soft money”.

7. Agenda item: **Future budget cuts** and impact on student services –

Discussion: positions and/or programs would have to be cut by more budget reductions.

8. Agenda item: **Advertising/promoting programs** outside community college services areas – an upcoming AAC meeting topic –

Discussion: These issues have been addressed at the PCR committee in the past and should do so in the future. A WCCC representative has not been attending for some time.

9. Agenda item: Statewide IR meeting regarding **Common Education Data Standards** (CEDS) and **CCA** metrics April 29 and 30, 2013 at LCCC – Should the SSC be represented? – **Action:** Sharon Elwood and Jackie Freeze plan to attend and will bring and SSC perspective to a CEDS discussion.

10. **Additional** agenda items:

- a. CWC student loans/ default rates and late registration patterns were discussed.

11. Next meeting –

Action: 6/30/13 was set as the date for a summer face-to-face meeting. Cory Daly volunteered CWC as a site for the meeting.