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Introduction/Opening Session

- Call to Order – Vicki Howell Williams – Meeting Began at 1:02 PM
- Vicki Howell Williams introduced herself as chair and thanked our hosts
- Bruce Simpson from CWU welcomed everyone and gave housekeeping announcements
- Welcome from - CWU VP for Academic and Student life, Marilyn Levine
- The members introduced themselves as well as things that their campuses are doing to encourage STEM based enrollment.
- Approval of previous minutes with amendments, Moved by Gail Bruce, Seconded by Jeanne Gaffney
- Treasurer/Secretary Report – by Keith Klauss, Secretary
 - Craig Lewis has departed as Treasurer
 - Outstanding bills from the meeting at WSU have not been received yet and additional plus revenue from current meeting fees have not been calculated in the account as of yet.
 - Current Account Balance is \$7,539.04.
- Announcements
 - Vicki Howell-Williams
 - Due to Craig's departure, the executive committee needs 1 private baccalaureate member for the at large position and 1 community college member who will be secretary. We will be electing new officers tomorrow

- Vicki Howell-Williams - The executive committee wished a happy retirement to Nancy Mullane who spent 16 years on ICRC and recognized her service including being the “OAR Queen”
 - Debbie Crouch
 - Math in DTA final agreement sent to listserv, discussion will be tomorrow.
 - The request for proviso revisions was sent out but not all institutions received the initial request so it was sent again this morning.
- Question box was circulated, Debbie encouraged questions, particularly from newcomers.

Agency reports

- Jim West- WSAC
 - New transfer report was released in January as well as a report on the PLA workgroup (on website). A residency report on HB 1079 is also available upon request.
 - The student achievement council will be convening a nursing pathway workgroup to develop a set of transfer and degree pathways for nursing.
 - An MRP workgroup is exploring the possibility of revisions to the Elementary Ed MRP.
 - An Associate of Fine Arts workgroup will be convening soon
 - Jim also serves as Transfer Liaison, has received no complaints about transfer. The student problems that have arisen have been about financial aid issues.
 - New citizen members for WSAC will be appointed with the new governor pending legislative approval.
 - New director, Gene Sharrett
 - A new communications department will disseminate things that work well for transfer.
 - Developing 10 year roadmap (previously the strategic plan) that includes all postsecondary education. WSAC has conducted a listening tour to gather input.
 - Readiness issues are a priority for WSAC. 3/5 of students entering CC need remedial math. 52% of High school graduates did not meet requirements for admission to the Baccalaureates.
 - WSAC will also address capacity issues throughout the educational system.
 - There are question about the Early Education MRP/DTA. A workgroup will be looking at making changes so that there are stronger linkages between the two-year and 4-year programs. Math is one of the areas where the programs are not currently linking up. The MRP was developed in 2005 and this is part of a regular review.
- Scott Copeland – SBCTC
 - Top 5 transfer destinations for CTC students are
 1. UW-Seattle
 2. CWU
 3. WSU Pullman
 4. Western Governor’s University
 5. University of Phoenix

- The Academic Year Report includes the transfer mobility data
- Busy year in legislation, particularly around expanding eligibility for State Need Grant, undocumented students, veterans
 - HB 1109- Priority registration for veterans
 - HB 1858 – Academic credit for military training – DEAD
 - SB 5195 – application process for WGU to be eligible to participate in State Need Grant program
 - Undocumented State Need Grant – died in senate, but added back by house as a budget proviso.
 - Budget proposals look “not too bad” Details on the LEAP website
- Math in DTA revision language is available on the ICRC website
- Jane Sherman – Council of Presidents/JTC
 - COP has been devoted entirely to legislative issues. WSAC is currently chaired by a Senior at WSU because she is the only remaining citizen member.
 - Math in DTA – One more step at JTC meeting on the 24th of April. Agreement wording will be accompanied by cover memo sent to WSAC.
 - RN to BSN potential MRP – Possible that it will turn out to be a third degree since it may not be possible to fit a strong nursing degree within the parameters of the DTA or the AS-T.
 - Will be talking about PLA transfer work that’s been going on as well.
 - AFA will be addressed through WSAC process and is in exploratory stages

15 minute break

Presentation by Mike Winsemann from the BC Council on Admissions & Transfer

- Council on Admissions & Transfer History and Structure
 - Council was established to provide leadership for the transfer system
 - Is not a ministry and as such holds no regulatory authority
 - This system was chosen in order to establish trust since many institutions do not trust government agencies
 - 19 member council consists of system representatives
- Transfer system includes 39 institutions with some residing outside of British Columbia
- Students have a universal ID number that follows them from High School through Postsecondary Education
- Key Trends
 - Changes in mandates and roles
 - Greater number of public and private degree-granting institutions
 - Greater student diversity
 - More Complex mobility patterns
 - More planning variables
 - Greater demand for seats

- Technology and the BC transfer guide
 - Transfer guide has approximately 170,000 course to course agreements. Managed by the Transfer Credit Evaluation System and the BC Transfer Guide
 - Electronic system allows for automation of evaluation as well as manual review of course outlines
- Full Presentation can be found at Tinyurl.com/icrc2013
- The members discussed the presentation, including possible implementation of the electronic transfer guide

Resume 4:15PM

- Housekeeping items - optional dinner at the Starlight Lounge for members
- The next day's meeting will be in room 137B

Session closed at 4:47 PM

Friday April 12, 2013

Called to Order 8:31 AM

- Vicki asked that people keep their remarks brief because we have a full agenda, and asked for a change in the agenda to make sure that everything is able to be covered.
- Bruce gave housekeeping notes
- Question box was circulated

Mike Flodin gave the ATC report

- ATC is the direct responsible party for common course numbering maintenance as well as changing whether a course is a gray area or generally transferable course.
- No action is being taken, but ATC is now looking at the issue of English 100 courses. There is confusion regarding whether or not it is a college level English course and there is variation between the community and technical colleges that offer it.
- ATC added some of the Professional/Technical courses in Early Childhood education to the CCN system. Mike reminded people that there are now quite a few professional/technical courses that are CCN courses so they aren't all about transfer.
- Task force is close to completion on a recommendation for standardizing how AP coursework is transcribed. The recommendation is still in draft form but will likely be approved next week and will likely be presented at the next Fall ICRC meeting. The new transcribing will make it apparent that the credit is AP credit. The effective date may be Fall 2013 at the soonest, however it has not been set yet.
- The CTCs are working on a policy statement around reciprocity of placement systems for Developmental Math and English. The status of the policy is somewhat unclear and it may be already finalized.

Math in DTA

Final proposal just came in and it is essentially done. The final approval is awaiting JTC action. All of the negotiations have completed

The change removes Intermediate algebra and adds more specificity around the requirement itself. New requirement is much more restrictive than before as to which courses meet the quantitative skills requirement. Additionally the logic courses must be quantitative and not critical thinking type courses.

Emily indicated that UW is signing off on the agreement, but they are maintaining their mathematics admission requirement regardless of whether or not the Q course is meeting the DTA requirement. She emphasized that the DTA does not automatically meet admission requirements.

Motion: By Gail Bruce to forward and endorse the recommendation was approved with 1 no vote.

OAR REPORT – Cathy May

- Suggest using common language in catalogs for restricted vs unrestricted electives
- Indicated that the Technical Colleges that are adding MRPs will need to be added into the review schedule and that OAR was looking for new members.

Bill Moore – SBCTC Smarter Balance Assessment

The program is grant funded and is working to connect Higher Education to the Common Core standards. The grant runs through Dec. 2014. PowerPoint to be made available on ICRC website.

BREAK until 10:15

Resumed at 10:16

PE in the DTA

A workgroup convened in order to research what is happening in the system. Cathy Schaffer presented and provided handouts.

The system had wide-ranging levels of allowed PE, with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 18. This posed a challenge for students transferring into the Baccalaureate institutions with high PE amounts. The majority of the schools only allowed 3 unrestricted PE credits period. The historical understanding was that would be a maximum of three credits total in the DTA.

The committee recommends that the DTA include no more than 3 credits of PE activity coursework total in the degree.

The members discussed the recommendation

- Some BIs normally accept 0, but the norm is 3. Some Baccalaureate institutions use “ghost credits” that only count towards class standing.
- NCAA Division I bylaws only allow 3 credits of PE activity for transfer unless the student is a PE major. Additionally, the NCAA restricts institutions from treating athletes differently than other students.
- Some members questioned whether or not it makes sense to limit PE to 3 credits if various VTPD courses are only limited to 15. Jerad Sorber stated that the DTA was not about academic purity but a working agreement between the institutions to facilitate transfer.
- Some members expressed concerns that this change would be an unprecedented restriction within the unrestricted electives distribution and that it would be an infringement on local control for the CTCs. Debbie Crouch stated that the BIs have given up a large amount of local control in accepting the DTA.
- There was discussion around whether or not PE has a legitimate career pathway as compared to various VTPD Pathways and whether or not this is a local control issue.
- Jim gave an overview on the JTC Process for addressing this issue through a change in the DTA language
- There was discussion about how students with large numbers of non-counting PE credits may run into issues with maximum credit limits imposed by the VA and Financial Aid programs

Motion: Emily (UW-Seattle) moved to accept the recommendation, Andrew (Seattle U) seconded. Motion passed with 7 opposed.

Debbie Crouch - Proviso Cleanup

- Institutions may wish to wait until JTC Action on proviso revisions.
- Baccalaureate institutions should make sure their provisos are clear and only indicate exceptions. Representatives should take the decision forward to their campus bodies, while keeping the students’ best interest in mind and advocating for them.
- The goal is to have completed Proviso revisions in time for the Fall meeting.
- Additionally, some reformatting of the handbook will be needed to make it more clear. Debbie asked that folks read through and note what isn’t clear, what could be better stated.

Succession Plan

Vicki called for a motion for the succession plan to move Keith to Chair at the end of this meeting and Jerad to Vice-Chair.

Motion: Joan Sarles moved, Susan Poch seconded. Approved by voice vote.

By-Law change

Move the duties of treasurer to the vice chair and change the Secretary/Treasurer position to “Secretary”

Motion to Approve: by Rose Spodabalski-Brower, Seconded by Joan Sarles approved on voice-vote.

Election of new officers

- Secretary nominees : Gail Bruce(Skagit), Marji Price(Cascadia), Cathy Shaffer (Spokane CC)
- Each of the candidates introduced themselves and their experience at their involvement with ICRC.
- Cathy Schaffer was elected by the membership for Secretary
- Sean Lacy (PLU) was elected by the membership for Member at Large

OAR Membership

- Diana from Walla Walla is the CC OAR Rep
- One Public BI – Bylaw exception for Andrew Anderson from Seattle U to fill the public BI slot

Next meeting hosting

- Heritage U. will host in Fall Oct 10, 11
- Spring Host SPSCC April 17, 18

Jim West - Washington Council News Update

- Expanding membership to include WGU and perhaps some others.
- Changed bank account to WSECU to get better terms.
- Technology: website was hacked but has been fixed.
- Beth from GEAR-UP presented on College Application Week.
- Pushing for advocacy for High School counselors.
- The principals association gave an update for principle evaluation.
- Dual enrollment programs are expanding as well.
- College Bound: There is concern about clear information on Financial Aid awards indicating College Bound Awards.
- SBCTC- Running Start Coordinators are perhaps becoming a WCHSCR commission.
- 8th grade college exploration days are being expanded.
- WCHSCR will be writing up commission reports so that they can be published in the interest of transparency.

Vicki Howell Williams -Summary of Recommendations for JTC

- PE Activity credits be limited to three
- Endorse Math in DTA proposal
- Recommend that JTC interface with the new CTC Link system to ask that there be consideration to be able to enable an articulation database similar to the British Columbia System. Jim also

indicated that WSAC will likely be pursuing this as well. Debbie indicated that she would like to have the letter drafted earlier this week.

Question Box

- If a student earns an AS-T #2, does the BI have to take it if the student doesn't pursue a science degree? Debbie: Acceptance of the agreement isn't contingent upon the student's major intent
- At SU, we are seeing more students with the AST#1 and #2, things are not always clear on the transcript regarding which track the student has completed. Mike indicated that it's not always clear if the degree is listed properly in the text. If it's not regular, let the state board know so that they can correct it.
- Financial Aid Workshops:
 - Do CTCs offer mandatory financial aid workshops for new or continuing: 90% do
 - Do financial aid offices hold mandatory advising for students on financial aid probation or in jeopardy of losing their aid?: Few indicated yes
 - Financial aid workshops included in orientation: about 75%
- Will there be a discussion of PLA in the DTA, in particular for CLEP, Military, etc.: For the Fall Agenda
- How do 4 year institutions accept A levels or the GCE from foreign and international schools. Bruce indicated that they're requiring external evaluations. Few schools have a well-articulated policy

Acknowledgements:

Bruce and Rose for Hosting

Debbie for her work that she's done

Move to Adjourn:

Vicki Howell-Williams Moved to Adjourn, Kathy Shaffer, seconded

Approved Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned 11:45 PM