

ICRC Fall Meeting Minutes

Date: April 12-13, 2007
Location: Spokane Community College
Spokane Falls Community College
Spokane, Washington

Institutions Represented:

Bates Technical College
Big Bend Community College
Cascadia Community College
Central Washington University
Clark College
Clover Park Technical College
Columbia Basin College
Eastern Washington University
Edmonds Community College
Everett Community College
Gonzaga University
Green River Community College
Lake Washington Technical College

North Seattle Community College
Peninsula College
Pierce College District
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
South Puget Sound Community College
Spokane Community College
Spokane Falls Community College
Tacoma Community College
The Evergreen State College
University of Puget Sound
University of Washington

University of Washington, Bothell
University of Washington, Tacoma
Walla Walla Community College
Washington State University
Washington State University, Vancouver
Western Washington University
Whatcom Community College
Yakima Valley Community College

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESOLUTION
Opening Remarks	<p>The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM April 12 by the chair, Joan Sarles, Gonzaga University</p> <p>Welcoming remarks were made to the membership by Dr. Steve Hanson, President of Spokane Community College. Dr. Hanson highlighted the need for higher education to be responsive to the changing expectations of students and the trend to more nontraditional students seeking access to our institutions.</p>	None	NA
Housekeeping	Cathy Shaffer provided further welcoming remarks and housekeeping information about SCC and meeting logistics	None	NA
Introduction of Members	Members present were called upon to introduce themselves and make any brief remarks of interest.	None	NA
Previous Minutes	The chair deferred consideration of approval of the previous minutes	Rescheduled for April 13	Deferred
Treasurers Report	The treasurer reported that the commission had a March 31, 2007 balance of \$6147.82.	None	NA

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<p>Ongoing Articulation Review Committee (OAR) Report</p>	<p>Keith Klauss, EWU Representative to the OAR, presented the OAR report.</p> <p>Reviews of Green River Community College, Whatcom Community College, Lower Columbia College, Wenatchee Valley College and Peninsula College have been scheduled for 07-08.</p> <p>The re was discussion about the utility of the self assessment tool which was first used by OAR this year. OAR members and representatives of institutions visited reported that the tool was working well.</p>		<p>Self assessment tool to be posted to web site.</p>
<p>Washington Council for High School-College Relations (WCHSCR) Report</p>	<p>Wanda Curtis, ICRC IPC, reported on actions by the Washington Council at its fall meeting.</p> <p>The conversion of the Council webpage is completed. ICRC can now proceed with revisions to our webpage.</p> <p>The Council has not yet taken action on the proposal to initiate a Community College Counselor’s Workshop modeled on the current High School Counselors Workshops. There is no proposed implementation date but this is still an active initiative.</p> <p>The Council is finding that locally some high school college nights are being scheduled in conflict with regional transfer fairs.</p>	<p>The Executive Committee will receive training in staff management of the web page during the summer.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>Joint Access Oversight Group (JAOG) Report</p>	<p>Jean Sherman, WSU, Co-Chair of JAOG reported on JAOG initiatives.</p> <p>Evaluation of the effectiveness of Major Ready Programs is a priority for JAOG.</p> <p>An MRP for Secondary Space and Earth Science Education is being developed. HB 5882 did not pass the legislature this year did raise relevant issues which JAOG will review and address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of pathways to bachelors' degrees for holders of technical associate degrees. • Transferability of AP and dual credit courses. • Continue to assess which new MRPs are needed. <p>Members discussed current MRPs and provided feedback. Some comments were that MRPs were not yet fully understood by advising staff, who have greater familiarity and confidence in advising students about the utility of the DTA. This should improve as more students report success with MRP transfers, but will remain.</p> <p>Some colleges are seeing students take added classes to obtain both the MRP degree and a DTA.</p> <p>As an outgrowth of the Transition Math Project work on college readiness, the feasibility of a single math placement test</p>	<p>Members were asked to identify documentation and anecdotal information at the institutional level that could assist in the evaluation of MRP effectiveness.</p>	<p>Discussion of MRP effectiveness will be an agenda item for the fall meeting.</p>

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<p>Articulation and Transfer Council (ATC) Report</p>	<p>Karin Hilgersom reported on the activities of the ATC.</p> <p>The proposal to add introductory survey courses in Chemical Dependency and Immunology to the list of unrestricted electives for the DTA was approved to be effective Fall 2007</p> <p>The ATC will be considering proposed recommendations regarding the use of prior learning assessment credits in transfer degrees.</p> <p>The ATC is considering strategies to expand the pool of transfer students seeking math, science and engineering degrees.</p>	<p>ICRC handbook will be updated to reflect new unrestricted electives.</p>	
<p>Advanced Via Individualized Determination (AVID) Program</p>	<p>Gail Bruce, Skagit Valley College, provided members information on the implementation of AVID. AVID is a high school/college joint program that uses a learn to learn model to promote student success and college readiness amongst high school students.</p>		

<p>Common Course Numbering</p>	<p>Jim Minkler, SFCC; Emilie Leggio, UW; Geary Greenleaf, LCC; and Nancy DeVerse GHC made a panel presentation on the implementation of common course numbering by the community and technical college system.</p> <p>Five colleges are projected to change over by summer 2007; the remainder will change over by summer 2008.</p> <p>An ampersand in the course prefix will denote a commonly numbered course and be the marker on the transcript. Implementing colleges will be making a notation in their catalog about the change and the courses impacted.</p>	<p>This item will be agendized for review at the spring 2008 meeting as wider implementation is pending.</p>	
<p>BI Reports</p>	<p>The following BI's made reports regarding new degree offerings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gonzaga University- New Biology Degree with an environmental impacts focus • UW-Bothell –New part time BS Nursing program beginning in Fall 2007; new BAS in Applied Computing • EWU- New BFA in Graphic Design • CWU- New BA in Film Video; new BAS in Food Service Management • SPU – New BA-in Illustration; New BA in Art History <p>Seattle University- New degree in Strategic Communications</p>		
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The session was adjourned for the day by the chair at 4:10 PM</p>		

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Reconvene	At 8:30 AM April 13, the chair reconvened the session at Spokane Falls Community College	None	NA
Credit for Prior Learning	Jim Minkler, SFCC, made a presentation on credit for prior learning and facilitated a discussion. The primary question posed was should the current restrictions on PLA credits in the ICRC and transfer degree guidelines be relaxed and brought into line with CAELA guidelines and Northwest Commission accrediting standards. Members continued discussion of this topic in small groups consisting of BI and CTC representatives.	Group leaders were asked to submit a summary of views to Jim by email. Executive committee to discuss with JAOG during joint summer meeting.	Pending
Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) Report	Andi Smith reported on behalf of the HECB.		
State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) Report	Loretta Seppanen presented a report on behalf of the SBCTC. She provided a written summary contents of which can also be found on the SBCTC website		

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Minutes	The minutes of the fall meeting were approved.	Approved	NA
ICRC Handbook Update	Mike Brandstetter presented an update on the reformatting of the ICRC handbook.	Revisions to be posted upon website training being completed for Executive Committee	
Best Fit Associate Degrees	Susan Poch facilitated discussion about Best-Fit degree survey of BI's.		
Out of State Institution Articulation Agreements	Joan Sarles. Gonzaga University, introduced a discussion topic proposed by Northern Idaho College seeking to be a partner in the DTA. Discussion by representatives indicated that there was a consensus not to include out of state institutions in the DTA agreement; however there was no barrier to an institution shaping their associate degrees to conform with the DTA and individual BIs making agreements to treat students similar to graduates of Washington CTC, with the exception that students would not count towards proportionality.		
Election	Jeanne Gaffney was nominated and elected as the at large member of the Executive Committee and the 07-08 Executive committee was confirmed as: Chair: Geary Greenleaf, Lower Columbia College Vice Chair: Mike Brandstetter, Bates Technical College Secretary/Treasurer: Susan Poch, Washington State University Member at Large: Jeanne Gaffney, Western Washington University Immediate Past Chair: Joan Sarles, Gonzaga University Recognition and presentations were made to Wanda Curtis and Joan Sarles for their service this year as Immediate Past Chair and Chair respectively		

OAR Committee Membership	A call was made for volunteers for the OAR committee.	The OAR and Executive Committee will confirm makeup of the OAR after contacting members nominated.	
07-08 Meeting Locations	WSU Vancouver was tentatively identified at the site for the fall meeting. Bates Technical college/Pierce County was tentatively identified as the location for the Spring 2008 meeting.	Executive committee confirm	
Question Box	Members were surveyed on a variety of questions and topics submitted.		
Adjournment		The chair adjourned the meeting at 11:48 am.	

Submitted by

**Michael D. Brandstetter
Secretary/Treasurer**