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Spring 2021 Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 15

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Remote via Zoom

9:00 - Meeting Begins with Introductions & Opening Session

- 9:06 – call to order by Waylon Safranski
- Welcome and opening remarks. Thank you for supporting transfer students during this difficult time.
- 50 years of ICRC! Kudos to all who facilitate transfer
- Overview of the day
- Motion to approve fall minutes made by Cathy Shaffer (Spokane), second by Bonnie Glantz (Spokane Falls). Approved.
- Treasurer Report – Cathy Shaffer
 - No major changes since ICRC hasn't been spending money during pandemic
 - No fees collected for virtual meetings
 - Checking: \$7565.97 and Savings: \$42.28
- Housekeeping
- Upcoming: membership roster will be updated

9:18 – Breakout Groups for 12 minutes

9:32 – Return to General Session

- CWU has new president coming in
- Breakout groups shared experiences of the past year
- Share out of fall plans

- Some CTCs are already making plans for remote instruction
- BIs trying to be primarily in person
- Remote learning has been a big challenge for the technical colleges due to hands-on learning needs, clinical experience, etc.
- Exploration/discussion of differences between 2-year and 4-year approach

9:50 – Executive Committee Update

- Webpage lists board and roles and responsibilities (<https://www.wa-council.org/icrc/executive-board/>)
- Will be soliciting nominations for ICW member at large
- Need to nominate treasurer for 3-year term
- Washington Council – no major updates, reminder that ICRC is a commission of the Washington Council
- Handbook Committee – Debbie Crouch (Seattle Pacific)
 - Discussion of template for provisos
 - Specifically adding exceptions for AS-T
 - Call will go out for schools to submit provisos before fall meeting so they can be published
 - Waylon will be past-chair and take over handbook committee
 - Questions from OAR
 - What is the intersection of guided pathways with standing agreements and DTA degrees?
 - How do we make sure students know which degrees are DTA degrees with more clarity?
 - It is getting more complicated and goal should be student focus
 - How to best make sure students understand what that degree means?

10:04 – 10-minute Break

10:15 – Articulation and Transfer Council (ATC) Report – Christian Bruhn (Centralia)

- <https://www.sbctc.edu/colleges-staff/commissions-councils/atc/meeting-materials.aspx>
- Completed spring meeting and ATC is having ongoing coffee conversations
- Concentrating on getting basic skills students to move into college model
 - Pathways progression – basic skills to transfer pipeline
- Working on professional development around equity and inclusion
- Looking at music degrees at the CTCs and how they would transfer
 - Low enrollments
 - Looking at shared curriculum
 - What does it take to transfer to 4-year music degree programs?
- Note from Julie Garver
 - As ATC discusses the Music DTA/MRP, the issues should go to JTC for discussion. JTC is working on update on how it will review transfer degrees on an ongoing basis and it would be good if ATC and JTC aligned with work going on

10:22 – Ongoing Articulation Review (OAR) update – Julie Garver (COP)

- (<https://www.wa-council.org/icrc/oar-committee/>)
- Updating review schedule for next year and long term
- Last year review

- Fall: LWTC, Seattle Central, Tacoma, Bastyr
- Spring: Clover Park, Cascadia, Bellevue, Eastern Washington University
- Next year
 - Spokane and Spokane Falls
- Emerging Issues
 - Peer-to-peer two-way dialog and learning from peers
 - Need to review questionnaire
 - Guided pathways – how do they intersect with transfer degrees?
 - Statway – where does it fit in?
 - Degree names – clarity for students is focus
- Vacancies
 - Need private BI, CTC, and at-large rep
- Develop and finalize best practices document with link to actual documents
- Finalize recording of OAR 101 webinar
- Update handbook to reflect AA *in* arts titles

10:33 – State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) – Jamilyn Penn

- <https://www.sbctc.edu/>
- SBCTC is working on data around transfer degrees
- Data dashboards (see slides)
 - Enrollment data
 - Quarterly enrollment and allocation monitoring
 - College Spark early progress metrics
- Publications
 - Research Report 21-1: Fall 2020 Enrollment: Challenges and Opportunities
 - WA and nationally
 - Enrollments are down except in BAS programs and Running Start.
 - 14% decline overall
 - 4% increase in Running Start
 - 14% increase in BAS programs
 - BAS enrollment data – increased in all race and ethnicity categories
- Legislative updates
 - HB 5401 – SBCTC to offer BS in Computer Science degrees
 - In planning
 - Amazon will provide grants with some requests
 - Budgets
 - Continuation of funding and additional 15.8M for next biennium
- Statewide LPN to BSN – goal is to develop LPN to BSN DTA degree
- Running Start Summer Pilot
 - Launched this summer at Yakima Valley, Skagit and South Puget Sound
 - Limited to 5 credits per summer session
- Statewide Articulation Agreements
 - SBCTC and WGU signed new agreement
 - Southern New Hampshire U asked for statewide agreement
 - The Instruction Council voted against agreement due to success in WA State with transfers
 - SNHU can pursue individual agreements with colleges

- St. Martin's University – Teagle Grant: grant for students to transfer for humanities and liberal arts
- Questions?
 - Explain College Spark?
 - Colleges participate in cohort of training
 - Philanthropic initiative to fund guided pathways
 - Funds for initiating plans for guided pathways
 - Discussion of BS in Computer Science
 - <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2021-22/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5401-S.pdf?q=20210415105742>
 - Prompted by Amazon
 - Need for more degrees, more diversity and to serve place-bound students

11:08 – Independent Colleges of Washington (ICW) – Shea Hamilton

- <https://icwashington.org/>
- Who are students of ICWs
 - 20% of BA, MA and PhD in state
 - 35,000 in ICW schools, majority WA residents
 - 6% dip in enrollment
 - 21% students are first-generation
 - 36% are BIPOC
 - 40% receive financial aid
 - 33% have transferred to ICW
- Fall 2021 – still making plans, most have announced to return to in-person, no formal vaccine policies yet
- Most ICW schools have gone test-score optional

11:18 Break

11:29 – Council of Presidents (COP) – Julie Garver

- <https://councilofpresidents.org/>
- Spring and summer terms – remote continuation
- Fall 2021 planning
 - Largely in-person
 - Reflect state guidance
 - Expanded on-campus living, students services, activities
 - Flexibility in admissions – do no harm
- Updates
 - Finalized reverse transfer summary with SBCTC (on COP website)
 - WCERTE – conversations around MRP and financial aid
 - Finalized dual-credit tool on website
 - 2021 factbook
 - Legislative session was mostly around K-12
- Future topics
 - Student-centered support post-pandemic
 - Understanding student issues, trauma (pandemic, racial justice)
 - “Unpacking” DTA

11:37 – Joint Transfer Council (JTC) – Julie Garver

- <https://www.sbctc.edu/colleges-staff/programs-services/transfer/joint-transfer-council.aspx>
- Focus has been on diversity, equity and inclusion work and pandemic-related work
- Ongoing items
 - LPN to BSN
 - Career Connected Learning
 - ICW Pathways to the Liberal Arts Initiative (Shea Hamilton)
 - Conclusion of planning grants
 - Faculty group exploring engagement with transfer students
- JTC updated website
- New co-chairs beginning in the fall
- Working on allied health advising tool
- Developed and finalized transfer asset map

11:46 – Breakout Groups

12:00 – Resume general meeting, report out from groups, and general discussion

- Question regarding OAR and guided pathways
 - OAR doesn't oversee guided pathways, but there was discussion around where to provide clarity to students
 - Jamilyn – guided pathways are about putting students on a path to progress towards goals. There is not just one path. Not all CTCs in the same place with guided pathways
 - 4-year perspective from Waylon – important to make sure students know when they are earning a DTA degree and when they are not
 - Anne (Pierce) – also important to make sure students know their DTA degree isn't in a specific major. It's a pathway.
- Question regarding disability waivers for QSR requirement in degree – are there waivers at CTC level? (Waylon)
 - Bellevue will only waive requirement for AA generalist degree and not for DTA
 - Students need to request accommodations, show they have been using them, and that they aren't helping
 - Dean involved with Provost having final say
- Looking for updates to gender binary in systems, CTCLink, etc (Cathy – Spokane)
 - DOH is going to allow people to change gender marker on birth certificate
- Call for nominations – Waylon
 - Private BI for member at large
 - Treasurer
 - OAR
- Treasurer
 - David Sundine moved to nominate Rose Spodobalski-Brower (CWU) to replace Cathy Shaffer as ICRC Treasurer, Waylon seconded
 - Approved
- Private BI for Member at Large
 - Shea Hamilton (ICW) nominated self, Cathy seconded
 - Approved
- OAR

- Waylon nominated Melissa (GRCC) and Andy (WGU) for OAR, Cathy seconded
 - Approved
- Waylon moved to nominate EWU ICRC rep (at their discretion) to OAR
 - Approved

12:30 – Meeting Adjourned