

## **Executive Summary:**

### **ICRC Spring 2025 Meeting (April 10-11, 2025)**

The Intercollege Relations Commission (ICRC) held its Spring 2025 meeting in Spokane at SFCC on April 10-11, 2025, with representatives from approximately twenty-five Washington higher education institutions and multiple agencies in attendance. Key highlights included:

#### **Financial Status**

- ICRC Account balance as of March 31, 2025: \$5,821.86
- Spring 2025 meeting expenses: \$1,948.80
- New dues structure approved: \$150 annually for institutional members (two attendees each), \$50 annually for agency members

#### **Leadership Updates**

- Appreciation shared for Dave Sundine's time on the executive board
- Axi Bontrager (City University) elected as the ICRC Member at Large
- Austin Colburn (South Seattle) joined the OAR Committee
- Melissa Sitzenstock concluding role as OAR Committee chair, with Amber Brock (Tacoma CC) assuming committee leadership

#### **Major Discussion Topics**

##### **1. Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) Reform**

###### **ATC Considering the following for vote on May 2nd:**

- Should the DTA be amended or revised? If amended/revised, should it include:
- Reduced distribution area requirements (Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences) from 15 to 10 credits each
- Reallocation of removed credits to General Electives
- Include a diversity requirement (collection of institutional requirements underway)
- Limitations on variations of local requirements

###### **Discussion:**

- Process and Timeline if DTA revision is supported at ATC's May 2 meeting (Handout)
- Concerns about faculty representation in decision-making process
- Mixed feedback on impacts to institutional identity and student transfer pathways
- Request for data on transfer without a degree, excess credits
- ATC feedback to investigate performance courses in the Humanities distribution and alternative courses that might fulfill QSR requirements. Consider impacts to Running Start,

'Frankenstein degrees', transfer ready vs. major ready, and limited electives at the BI's under current DTA structure.

## **2. Transfer Course Policies (Q&A)**

- Discussion on acceptance of online lab sciences
- Clarification on ENGL& 235 and other English composition transfers
- Questions about "shelf-life" for specific courses (Math, Computer Science)
- Credit for Prior Learning transcript clarity

## **3. Agency Updates (see meeting handouts)**

- SBCTC: Executive director search, new degree approvals, affordable housing initiatives, Math placement project, common advising platform
- ICW: Seattle University acquiring Cornish College, transfer pathway scholarships, protecting the WA College Grant
- COP: All BI's signed off on updated Computer Science MRP, apprenticeship pathway, workforce and credit transparency, paper transcripts from the HS's
- JTC: Reviewing Computer Science, Pre-Nursing DTA/MRP, AST-Track 1 degrees. Updated Business DTA/MRP advising notes.
- Legislative updates on pending bills affecting higher education (Handout)
- ATC: Investigating DTA changes and reviewing diversity requirements. Jamie Fitzgerald accepted interim role, with Kristina Young assuming role as chair
- ARC: Investigating bill payment, reviewing validity of questions in the admission application, and continuing work on fraudulent applications
- WSAC: Written updates provided. Working on 2025 Legislative transfer reports, Universal Transfer Explorer, immigrant student support resources, data dashboards, Otters Project

## **Committee Activities**

- Ongoing Articulation Review Committee working through institutional review schedules
- Handbook Review Committee working on constitution modernization

## **Upcoming Meetings**

- Fall 2025: October 9-10 at Whitman. Summer survey expected to identify barriers to in-person attendance.
- Winter 2026: February 5 via Zoom
- Spring 2026: April 9-10 at South Puget Sound

The meeting highlighted ongoing efforts to streamline transfer processes, address student needs, and improve coordination between Washington's higher education institutions.