

## ICRC Spring 2026 Meeting – Executive Summary

April 9–10, 2026 | South Puget Sound Community College (Lacey & Olympia Campuses)

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### Overview

The Spring 2026 ICRC meeting was offered in a hybrid (in-person or Zoom format) across two days. Thursday’s meeting covered Executive Board updates, a call for University Proviso edits due Fall 2026, agency reports, and committee Q&A discussions. The Winter 2026 minutes were approved without corrections. On Friday, the commission focused professional development time on Ongoing Articulation Review committee redesign and related business.

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### Financial & Governance

The ICRC account holds a balance of \$7,485.91 prior to spring meeting expenses, with outstanding dues invoices to be sent as needed. The commission is actively recruiting a new **Member-at-Large** for the Executive Board — a five-year leadership commitment that includes serving on the OAR Committee. **SaraBecca Martin (Heritage University)** was nominated and approved for this role. The Technology Support position will continue to be filled by **Audrey Minton** for 2026-27.

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### OAR Committee (Ongoing Articulation Review)

The OAR Committee presented its first major report after pausing its review cycle to assess and improve its processes. Key discussion areas included:

- **Revised Statement of Purpose** — Proposed edits to clarify institutional responsibility upon receiving OAR recommendations, and to emphasize student-facing clarity in materials; a vote to edit the ICRC Handbook’s OAR statement of purpose change will be required once clarified.
- **Committee Expansion** — General consensus that the committee’s size should grow, with a proposed model featuring a larger core group plus Ad Hoc members; CTC representation should increase relative to BI representation.
- **Review Timing** — Discussion about shifting the review cycle to begin in May so institutions can implement changes before catalog deadlines.

- **MRP (Major Related Program) Questionnaire** — Discussion around reviewing whether MRP requirements reflect actual BI admissions practices, GPA standards, competency-based vs. course-based evaluation, and clarity on "major-ready vs. transfer-ready" pathways.

At least two new OAR members are needed; interested parties were directed to contact Amber Brock.

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### **Curriculum: DATA& 101**

A significant discussion centered on a proposed new common course number (CCN), **DATA& 101 (Introduction to Data Science)**. Key considerations included:

- Whether it should qualify as a **Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning (QSR)** course, and whether that designation would be universal or institution-specific.
  - Its interdisciplinary nature (applicable to Sociology, Computer Science, Business, and others) and prerequisite of MATH 091.
  - The approval process: CCN approval through Instruction Commission → QSR designation → addition to degree worksheets.
  - BI institutions requested a syllabus before committing to any transfer articulation decisions.
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### **Agency & Council Reports**

- **SBCTC:** Parchment integration for transcript processing is underway; fraudulent application detection is being embedded into admissions systems; open positions include Director of Transfer Education and Director of Transitional Studies; a system advising summit is planned for October 2026 in Wenatchee.
- **ICW, COP, WSAC:** Updates were presented via slides. A new Washington public universities website launched; members were asked to flag any confusing language for students.
- **Legislative Update:** No legislation directly impacting transfer was passed; notable items include Running Start FTE reductions and Washington College Grant reductions.

- **JTC:** Faculty discipline pilot groups in Math and Biology have been meeting since December; Pre-Nursing degree revision is underway, mapping to multiple BI bachelor's pathways; a Biology DTA Workgroup is in progress.
- **ATC:** Awaiting AA-DTA updates; next meeting is April 30–May 1.
- **ARC:** Parchment pilot for automated transcript processing is rolling out to all 34 CTCs in phases; CTE Dual Credit standardization is underway; fraudulent application screening flagged approximately 37,000 applications across the system.

### Handbook Updates

The Handbook Committee completed most updates in fall 2025. The revised handbook is posted on the ICRC website. Institutions were reminded to review and submit any **proviso updates** to Kelsey Myers before fall 2026 Handbook edits are completed.

### Upcoming Meetings

Meeting	Date	Location
Fall 2026	October 8–9, 2026	Central Washington University
Winter 2027	February 4, 2027	Zoom
Spring 2027	April 8–9, 2027	Tacoma Community College

*This summary is based on the draft meeting minutes and is subject to revision pending final approval.*