



Student Services Council

January 24, 2012

Meeting Notes

Present:

Aaron McNabb, Amber Lemiere, Anna Brodt, Ashley Bemm, Betty Hayes, Brian Isbell, Bunpa Lim, Carmilla Rollins, Chad Meadors, Christina Jungers, Donna Walker, Geonna Joy, Jenny Smith, Judith Chapar, Karla Rivers, Kelly Johnsen, Linda Wilson, Lynn Lawrence, Marcy Gilchrist, Megan Jasurda, Megan Wiggins, Nichole Seroshek, Pat Boerner, Roxana Ahmadifard, Sandie St. Onge, Tamra Bell, Traci Fuller, Traci Hilligoss, and Lisa Matye Edwards, Chair

Not Present: ASLCC representative, Betty Sjoblom, Breanne Tomalin, Carrie Thompson, Grady Tweit, Harlan Crusier, Heidi Hamer, Jennifer Houge, Jim Roffler, Jodi Dahlke, Kara McElroy, Kami Bair, Kelly Smith, Kirc Roland, Marisa Greear, Marisa Zylstra, Meghan Averette, Ronda Manick, Selah Mitchell, Stephanie Peerboom, Steven Chapman, Trista Mobbs, and Wyler Beterbide

Guest: Darcy Smith and Stefanee Bunn, WorkFirst

➤ **Division Items**

- **WorkFirst presentation** – Darcy Smith and Stefanee Bunn provided interesting information on the WorkFirst program and the wrap-around services provided to eligible TANF students. Students are expected to develop plans and participate actively in Career Center workshops and Learning Commons tutoring opportunities. Read through the electronic handout they provided and check out the “bright spots” bulletin board in their work area. Questions? Contact Darcy #2347 or Stefanee #2345.
- **Campus Updates and Announcements** -
 - Our recent inclement weather pointed out to us just how large our “electronic audience” has become. We will be using those resources more and more in the future to communicate important notices to our students. The Financial Aid application deadline will be an important message coming out soon. The deadline to apply for priority financial aid processing is usually 8 weeks prior to the start of the quarter. For spring quarter, that date is March 15.
 - Our Legislature has been very busy already this session. Items currently being discussed include:
 - Return of 2/3 of our Work Study funding
 - Increases to our State Need Grants
 - A portion of the excess enrollment funding in the maintenance budget being moved to capital projects (our Health and Sciences Center is #2 on the capital projects list)
 - Jobs bill
 - CTC Link funding

➤ **Around the Table**

- **Aaron McNabb** – There will be a meeting tomorrow as we begin to move forward with our Youth Suicide Prevention Grant. We will soon be capable of providing referrals for counseling AND

funding to cover the counseling if the students are 24 or younger.

- **Amber Lemiere** – To increase testing efficiencies, the testing area has new furniture and will soon have new computers, too. Amber will be accepting volunteers to pre-test *My Math Lab*. The Testing office is looking to fill their student help position. Check out HireConnections for further information.
- **Ashley Bemm** – The Transfer/Student Success area has recycled a large bookcase and will be posting information to a new message board as well as providing workshops in their newly opened-up area. The transfer area is looking for Spanish speaking staff members and will be sending out an e-mail soon so they may develop a resource list.
- **Brian Isbell** – The Financial Aid Appeal committee has processed 147 appeals since the start of summer quarter. With the increase of our State Need Grant allocation, eligible students will be awarded for back quarters in the order of their location on the waiting list.
- **Bunpa Lim** – We had a very good turnout for the Martin Luther King celebration speaker Cynthia Washington Mattson on January 13. SSS students are being recruited. The next SSS orientation is scheduled for Friday, January 27. A location is still being sought for the International Festival.
- **Chad Meadors** – Faculty advisor training is being scheduled. There has been a slight lull in business, but that will change in the weeks before priority enrollment begins for spring quarter.
- **Jenny Smith** – A Career Fair is scheduled for March 8. A list of participants will be on the Career website as of February 2.
- **Judith Chapar** – Student Support Services has reached their student goal of 120 students, but is continuing to recruit. There will be supplemental grants awarded to twelve SSS students who provide 8 hours to a community service project. Judith would like to receive community service project ideas.
- **Kelly Johnsen**- There are currently 75 students registered for Talent Search. A nice increase from the 12 students they had just a few short weeks ago.
- **Lisa Matye Edwards** – There is a STEM (Sciences – Technology – Engineering – Mathematics) ITV scheduled in the IOB Conference room at 11:00 today for anyone interested.
- **Lynn Lawrence** – The Capstone graduation requirement is going away effective spring quarter. No Capstone courses will be offered spring. FAQs will be coming out soon and this information will also be included in the catalog addendum on-line. Students who did not graduate because they were only missing a Capstone course may apply for spring graduation. Meghan Averette is on medical leave for the next month or two. Other registration staff members are filling in during her absence. Encourage students to apply for graduation NOW. They should not wait until their last quarter of enrollment. February 7 is the cut-off date for winter quarter graduation applications.
- **Marcy Gilchrist** – Running Start student orientations will now require the presence of a parent or guardian. Since some local high schools used our Capstone course to meet their senior project requirement, Marcy will be doing some legwork to determine a solution for current Running Start students.

- **Nichole Seroshek** – The Transfer Fair is schedule for March 6. Watch for further announcements regarding the location. Van trips are scheduled for February 16 to WSU-Vancouver and March 9 to the University of Oregon.
- **Roxana Ahmadifard** – The LGBT speaker who was cancelled because of our snow event will be rescheduled. The upstairs area of the Student Center should be opened by spring quarter. Furniture is coming soon! Student Center planter boxes are being replaced by something. More information will be out soon. ASLCC members are making “How to” videos and will have them on a website soon.
- **Sandie St. Onge** – Operations Council/Board Reports are due from our department managers/directors by noon on Monday January 30. Everyone involved in event planning is asked to provide event dates to Sandie for inclusion on the Cabinet “white board” so we may avoid conflicting campus activity scheduling. Anyone who uses a campus visa card needs to remember to immediately route their receipts after completing a transaction. Visa statements come out monthly and receipts are compared to statements to verify that the charges are authentic, that our cards haven’t been compromised, and to authorize the Business Office to pay the balances due.
- **Tamra Bell** – The Career area is offering workshops every day of the week. Check out their weekly schedule for further information. A Career Fair is schedule from March 8 at the Red Lion Hotel in Kelso from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Traci Fuller** – Softball practice has begun and their first scrimmage is four short weeks away.
- **Traci Hilligoss** – The Athletic Auction on January 21 was a huge success. All teams are currently practicing.

The next Student Services Council meeting is scheduled for **February 28**. Lisa will be attending a conference in Dallas that day, so watch for future announcements regarding agenda items and a group leader!