



Student Services Council

January 22, 2013

Meeting Notes

Present:

Ashley Bemm, ASLCC representatives (Justin Ford and Iris Gonzales), Betty Hayes, Brian Isbell, Bryan Bales, Bunpa Lim, Carmilla Rollins, Chad Meadors, Christina Jungers, Donna Walker, Jodi Dahlke, Judith Chapar, Karla Rivers, Kelly Johnsen, Lupe Rodriguez, Lynn Lawrence, Marcy Gilchrist, Margit Brumbaugh, Marisa Greear, Marisa Garrison, Megan Wiggins, Meghan Averette, Nichole Seroshek, Pat Boerner, Roxana Ahmadifard, Sandie St. Onge, Traci Fuller, and Lisa Matye Edwards, Chair

Not Present:

Aaron McNabb, Anna Brodt, Betty Sjoblom, Breanne Tomalin, Crystal Heitz, Donegal Fergus, Evinn Hickey, Grady Tweit, Harlan Crusier, Heidi Hamer, Jamie Creech, Jennifer Houge, Jenny Smith, Jessi Hanna, Jim Roffler, Kami Bair, Kara McElroy, Kirc Roland, Leesa Johnson, Linda Wilson, Megan Jasurda, Megan Peaker, Ronda Manick, Shalaina Joiner, Shannon Wachob, Stephanie Peerboom, Steven Chapman, Tamra Bell, Taneka Washington, Traci Hilligoss, Wyler Beterbide, and Yvonne Martin

➤ **Updates from Lisa -**

- The federal cutoff for financial aid applications is March 15.
- CIBER has been chosen as the vendor as we move forward with ctclink system.
- The Athletic Auction to raise scholarship funds was a great success on January 19.
- The recent Transfer Fair was also well attended. The spring Transfer Fair is scheduled for May 2.
- It is time to complete your system process mapping; we are very close to moving forward with ctclink best practices efforts and change management.
- Sixteen staff members will be attending the Achieving the Dream conference in Anaheim February 2-5.
- Lisa had the opportunity to testify before Legislature recently on a proposal by one Senator who wanted community colleges to hold alcohol court for any of their students receiving DUI's in their communities. Funding issues and federal regulations aside, there was a decided non-compatibility issue that needed to be voiced on this proposal by a representative of the community college system. Way to go, Lisa!
- There will be no Jump Start classes spring quarter.
- A feasibility study is underway to determine the best way to meet facility needs as the gym remodel begins, the IOB comes down, and EWU comes to LCC. Once the new health and sciences building is completed in 2014 more moves will need to be considered, so this is definitely a "work in progress" situation.
- Several positions are posted and application review/interviews are underway for the following: credentials evaluator, testing coordinator, health professions/ed planner, ctclink project manager, and career/business and industry director/manager of career training.

➤ **Registration highlight** - Carmilla provided updates on GPS and application deadlines. She will provide an electronic version of the handouts that were provided on the GPS checklist and the letter that is provided to students after their applications are received. Acceptance letters are provided immediately for students applying in-person and within 7-10 working days for students applying online. The application deadline is currently 4 weeks prior to the start of a quarter. The deadline moves to 5 weeks prior to the start of the quarter effective fall 2013 and to 6 weeks fall 2014. These application deadline changes are being made to meet *Achieving the Dream* requirements.

➤ **Around the Table**

- **Ashley Bemm** – There will be a Jump Start orientation on Thursday.
- **Betty Hayes** – FAFSA night is scheduled for Mark Morris and RA Long this week. Last week about 50 students participated at Kelso.
- **Bunpa Lim** – There was good participation with the Martin Luther King, Jr. student panel last week. Dan Johnson will be the guest speaker on February 20 for the African American History Month presentation. He will be providing information on “non-textbook” black history at noon in the Student Center.
- **Chad Meadors** – Friday will be the first Pearson internet GED test, starting at 8:00 a.m. Staff members are learning to apply new academic warning procedures. On-site testing is moving forward for juniors on reading, writing and math to determine college readiness. Emergency loan repayments are lagging, so there will be no new loans allocated during winter quarter. WSU has added HIST 105 as a transfer requirement. As no community college currently offer an equivalent to this current events/roots of contemporary issues class, discussions are underway on how to remedy this new requirement shortfall.
- **Judith Chapar** – SSS is providing a workshop on February 14, which will include a fashion show on to demonstrate interview appropriate attire. Judith is looking for volunteers to “walk the catwalk”.
- **Karla Rivers** – Karla has begun documentation of business processes in her area.
- **Lynn Lawrence** – Student Achievement Initiative mapping is underway.
- **Margit Brumbaugh** – Agent contacts, recruiting, and host family/housing efforts are underway. The LCC website will have a Chinese language version very soon and marketing materials are also being developed in Chinese. We are still hoping to hire an instructor for Intensive English Language classes as we move forward with dual enrollment, similar to Running Start, for international students. A seamless transfer agreement to EWU for international students is included in the EWU contract currently being negotiated.
- **Marisa Greear** – The FAFSA deadline is March 15. There are changes coming for the 2013-14 academic year, which will see students randomly selected for up to five additional criteria

verifications. There was some discussion on how to best inform students of these new random verification steps, other than the ever growing and evolving student handbook on financial aid; such as a link on the FA website that most students will chose to overlook. They seem to favor learning in-person at the FA counter, while expressing their discontent. New applicants will find using the IRS data retrieval tool is very helpful in streamlining their application/verification process.

- **Pat Boerner** – The recent SSS trip to Evergreen was interesting, “like stepping back into the 60’s”. March 1 is the fall application deadline.
- **Roxana Ahmadifard** – LCC is making plans to set up an education center at Toutle. There will be an information session on February 4. On-line classes will be made available spring quarter for Running Start students, and it will be open to the community beginning fall quarter. There will be free pizza at the first Washington Humanities Speaker Series this week.
- **Sandie St. Onge** – Sandie is still looking forward to the first month when all visa receipts are turned in prior to the visa statements arriving. Three prospective international students, all from Cameroon, are in the works to possibly begin spring quarter. Two were hoping to begin winter quarter, but they were not able to acquire their F-1 student visas. Time will tell if they are successful with their consulate interviews this time around or not.
- **Traci Fuller** – Traci has moved into the office space recently vacated by Selah Mitchell. The GPS document/checklist and student orientations are paying off with better prepared students.

The next Student Services Council meeting is scheduled for February 26. If you wish to mark your calendars, Student Services Council is scheduled to meet the fourth Tuesday of every month in the Heritage Room of the Administration Building at 9:00 a.m. Once the gym remodel is complete, the meetings will return to the Student Center Conference Room “A”.