



## Student Services Council February 18, 2014 Meeting Notes

**Present:** Angel Ruvalcaba, Brian Isbell, Brian Sharp, Carmilla Rollins, Crystal Heitz, Darren Schwegler, Eddie Smith, Heidi Hamer, Jennifer Houge, Jenny Smith, Jodi Dahlke, Kelly Johnsen, Kristy Enser, Leszek Cromwell, Lupe Rodriguez, Mary Kate Morgan, Meghan Evans, and Lisa Matye Edwards, Chair Nichole Seroshek, Nicole Walker, Sandie St. Onge, Stephanie Ruvalcaba, and Lisa Matye Edward, Chair

**Not Present:** Aaron McNabb, Anna Brodt, Ashley Bemm, ASLCC representative, Betty Sjoblom, Bill Josh, Breanne Tomalin, Bryan Bales, Bunpa Lim, Chad Meadors, Dani Trimble, Grady Tweit, Harlan Crusier, Jessi Hanna, Jim Roffler, Judith Chapar, Kami Bair, Kara McElroy, Karla Rivers, Kirc Roland, Linda Wilson, Lynn Lawrence, Maggie Stewart, Marcy Gilchrist, Margit Brumbaugh, Marisa Greear, Megan Wiggins, Micah McKee, Ronda Manick, Roxana Ahmadifard, Shalaina Joiner, Shannon Wachob, Stephanie Peerboom, Steven Chapman, Tamra Bell, Traci Fuller, and Traci Hilligoss

**Guests:** Angela Dahlke and Stefanee Bunn

### ➤ **Updates:**

- **HB-1079** – Lisa asked everyone to inform themselves on this important and recent “Dream Act” that makes a college education much more affordable for certain undocumented students. Check out the information available on college contacts, scholarships, and a scholarship guide handbook at <http://www.hb1079.org> and <http://coalition.wsy.edu/scholarhsips/>.
- **Spring Registration** – The spring schedule is available now and students should be encouraged to talk with their advisors now to make plans for their priority registration appointments. Their priority appointment is NOT their advising appointment.
- **SALT** – Brian Isbell provided information on this purchased service for students and alumni to manage their funds. This service is not just for students with educational loans, but for any student wishing to be more money savvy in general. The financial literacy information and interactive videos and games engage students, while answering questions. LCC bought into this service in hopes of lessening our default rate, which was close to causing us to lose the ability to offer PELLs and student loans. It provides skip tracing and can help to track down students to let them know they have options other than defaulting. Brian hopes to move forward with orientations to SALT in conjunction to FAFSA applications and to provide promotional items as incentives to students who complete the SALT orientations.

### ➤ **Around the Table:**

- **Angel Ruvalcaba** – Student emails will be moving to Google format soon. Beginning mid-May, new students will be assigned Google accounts. In September, all student emails will be

converted to Google.

- **Brian Sharp** – There will be an interview process workshop upstairs in the Student Center on Thursday from noon to 11:30.
- **Darren Schwegler** – An Educational Talent Search field trip to colleges on the east side of the state is planned for group of high school students.
- **Eddie Smith** – Retention crunch time is upon us and academic coaches are working hard to reach out to wavering students. The deadline to withdraw from winter quarter classes is Friday, February 28.
- **Jenny Smith** – The BFET program helps to maintain food benefits for vocational/technical students while they are enrolled. This is something they used to lose when attending school. Questions should be directed to the Career Services desk.
- **Kelly Johnsen** – Twenty Educational Talent Search students are off to Olympia and the Evergreen State College for a civic engagement leadership program visit.
- **Kristy Enser** – Remember to spend 15 minutes each week learning more about the ctLink system that will be going live at LCC in May of 2015.
- **Lisa Matye Edwards** – Wednesday through Friday this week is considered the “sweet spot” for students needing to withdraw, as we will have reached the 60% completion date for the quarter. There is no penalty for withdrawing. Superintendents are now leaving the Longview, Kalama, and Kelso school districts. There will be a day long Board Retreat tomorrow, as annual priorities are reviewed and set for the coming year.
- **Mary Kate Morgan** – To help Disability Support Services provide necessary accommodations to their students, it is important that students request those services in a timely fashion each quarter.
- **Sandie St. Onge** – Visa receipts have been routed in a very timely fashion for the past several months. Thank you! Keep up the great work.

The next Student Services Council meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2014.