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Statutory Authority: Laws of 1967, Chapter 28B.50 Revised Code of Washington
Regular meeting minutes

The State Board’s regular business meeting was preceded by a retreat on September 8-9, 2014. Topics and issues discussed at the retreat included: 1) State Board Dash Board and Policy Focus, 2) WACTC Allocation Recommendations, 3) Basic Education for Adults: Proposed Funding Model to Promote Excellence in Outcomes, and 4) Role of Community Colleges in Baccalaureate Degree Production

State Board members present
Beth Willis, Shaunta Hyde, Jim Bricker, Elizabeth Chen, Anne Fennessy, Wayne Martin, Larry Brown, Jay Reich, Carol Landa-McVicker

Call to Order and Welcome
Chair Beth Willis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., welcomed those present, and asked for audience introductions.

Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda
Motion: Moved by Shaunta Hyde and seconded by Jim Bricker that the State Board adopt its September 10, 2014, regular meeting agenda as presented.

Adoption of Consent Agenda (Resolutions 14-09-49 through 14-09-58 and 14-06-48)
Motion: Moved by Shaunta Hyde and seconded by Jim Bricker that the State Board adopt the consent agenda for its September 10, 2014, regular meeting as follows:

- Approval of State Board Regular Meeting Minutes for June 19, 2014
- Edmonds Community College, Increase Local Expenditure Authority, Gateway Hall
- Columbia Basin College, Local Expenditure Authority, Social Science Center
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Consideration of Revised Baccalaureate Approval Process (Resolution 14-09-59)

Joyce Hammer of the State Board staff presented the proposed changes to the applied baccalaureate degree approval process. At the March meeting, Board members considered a number of options for revising the degree approval process.

The Instruction Commission (college vice presidents of instruction) has been asked by WACTC (the presidents) to make recommendations about how to fit BAS programs into the WACTC structure and how to promote collaboration among colleges to increase articulation agreements and avoid unnecessary program duplication. An Instruction Commission subcommittee developed a number of recommendations earlier this spring that were considered by the full Commission on May 8-9, 2014, and provided to WACTC at their meeting May 29-30, 2014. The proposed outcome is a leadership role for the Instruction Commission in developing specific evaluation rubrics for employer and student demand; facilitating collaboration among colleges with similar associate and applied bachelor’s degree programs on degree titles, shared curricula, and articulation agreements; and providing peer training and advising opportunities for new colleges developing and implementing applied bachelor degree programs.

Given this proposed leadership role by the Instruction Commission, staff worked with the Commission to revise the BAS approval process consistent with the Board’s changes.

Motion: Moved by Jim Bricker and seconded by Wayne Martin that the State Board adopt Resolution 14-09-59 approving the Revised Baccalaureate Approval Process.

Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Revisions to WAC 131-28-025 Governing the method of assessing tuition and fee charges for competency based education programs (Resolution 14-09-60)

Denise Graham and Jan Yoshiwara of the State Board staff presented In May, staff briefed the Board on a new system initiative to deliver courses and programs to students through online, asynchronous, competency-based education programs. Competency-based programs allow each student to progress at an individual pace through course content and to receive academic credit upon demonstrating mastery of course competencies.

In traditional courses, a student is charged tuition based on the number of credits taken each academic quarter. In competency-based programs, by contrast, a student gains access to advisors, instructors, course materials, and assessments for a set period of time by paying a flat tuition rate; the student pays for time rather than for the number of credits taken.

The State Board is responsible for adopting the colleges’ tuition schedule each year. Current administrative rule (Washington Administrative Code, or WAC, 131-28-025) adopted by the Board requires tuition and fees to be charged on a per-credit basis. This WAC needs to be amended so that students in competency-based degree programs can pay tuition based on the length of the term rather than on the number of credits taken. Under the proposed rule, tuition for competency-based degree programs would be equivalent to tuition charged for a 15 credit load for one quarter, prorated for the length of the competency-based program academic term.
In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Board held a public hearing on the proposed resolution. No public comment was received.

Motion: Moved by Elizabeth Chen and seconded by Jay Reich that the State Board adopt Resolution 14-09-60 approving the revisions to WAC 131-28-025 Governing the method of assessing tuition and fee charges for competency based education programs.

Motion carried.

**Consideration of 2015-17 Operating Budget Request (Resolution 14-09-61)**

Nick Lutes of the State Board staff presented the recommended Policy Investments for the 2015-17 biennium for the community and technical college system.

At their June 2014 meeting, the Board received an abstract building theme for the 2015-17 biennial Budget request. The theme of the request for 2015-17 is providing support for our students, our academic institutions, and our state educational and workforce goals. The support detailed in the agency budget request the Board received should be considered the first step in a multi-biennial approach to reach our state’s long term education and workforce goals.

Motion: Moved by Larry Brown and seconded by Anne Fennessy that the State Board adopt Resolution 14-09-61 approving the 2015-17 Operating Budget Request.

Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

State Board members heard public comment about meaningful compensation from members of the Washington State Federation of State Employees.

**Math Acceleration Strategic Plan Update**

State Board members Wayne Martin and Elizabeth Chen with State Board staff Jan Yoshiwara and Bill Moore presented that the task force held its first meeting in August to discuss its charge and timeline, review system data on math success, examine current efforts, state policies and evidence of success in pre-college math programs both across the state and the nation. In addition to supporting the existing and ongoing partnerships with K-12 to help recent high school graduates avoid pre-college courses completely, the group generally agreed that any recommendations to the system should not define a “one size fits all” solution but should reinforce good work already underway at the colleges and build some coherence and scale in the work across the system through a clear focus on goals and principles. Subsequent meetings will explore promising approaches to defining those principles, identify specific evaluation metrics addressing the overall goals, and develop a draft framework that can be reviewed by a panel of national advisors, system groups, and WACTC prior to being presented to the Board in December.
Chairs Notes
State Board Chair, Beth Willis, asked State Board Deputy Executive Director, Mike Scroggins, to give a brief update on the ctcLink project, and he did. She also thanked the State Board members, retreat participants and staff for their participation during the retreat.

Adjournment/next meeting
There being no further business, the State Board adjourned its regular meeting of September 10, 2014, at 11:20 a.m. The State Board will hold next meeting October 29-30, 2014, at Bates Technical College.

Attest: _____________________
Elizabeth Willis, Chair

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Marty Brown, Secretary