

Advising and Counseling Council (ACC)

MEETING MINUTES

Date: 24 January 2025; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Council: Advising and Counseling Council (ACC) Winter Convening

Location: <https://pencol-edu.zoom.us/j/87550731225>

Welcome and Introductions

- Leadership Team
- New Members
- Returning Members

Land Acknowledgement

Review of and Call to Adopt Fall Minutes

- Brad shared 1) Fall Meeting Agenda [22 OCT 2024], 2) Acc Fall 2024 Meeting SBCTC Updates, 3) 24-25 ACC Membership Roster. (see attachments).
- Membership discussed that fall meeting minutes were missing due to transitions in leadership; group noted the current leadership team are relatively new to ACC and continuing to settle into their roles.
- Olla motioned to use the fall meeting agenda as proof of meeting and to adopt them as the minutes for the meeting; Tawny seconded the motion; Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

- Account Balance:
 - \$8,339.30
 - No change from Spring 2024 report.
- Account Transfer:
 - Christine advocated for transferring account to SBCTC but not approved.
 - In process of transferring funds from LWTech to WCC.
- Dues:
 - No record of dues paid/received in 2024-25. Please email Tawny (ttownsend@whatcom.edu) if you submitted payment already.
 - Working on obtaining historical and/or guidance documents for Treasurer role, including dues payments. Please share if you have any historical documents that can aid in the transition/learning the role.
 - Expect to receive an email via ACC listserv with instructions for submitting payments once account is set up and payment instructions are updated.
 - Also currently exploring other options for submitting payments (e.g., Eventbrite or Trumba). Christine McMullin shared SBCTC uses Trumba and may be an option for ACC.

Updates

Christine McMullin, SBCTC, Policy Associate

- Noted we're ahead of schedule; colleagues to give updates as they join dates (originally scheduled for 9:35 a.m.).
- Christine acknowledged the changes in state and federal leadership may be causing challenges. Acknowledged the changing legislative landscape has impact on us.
- Christine provided 2025 Legislative Watch List, 2025 Legislative Priorities, and other updates (see attachment).

Stephanie Rock, SBCTC, Policy Associate

- Dual Credit Updates (see slides)

Jessica Perez, SBCTC, Policy Associate

- Financial Aid Updates
 - [FASFA Request Interpreter](#)
 - [Who counts as a parent?](#)
 - [FAFSA Issue Alerts](#)
 - Washington College Grant, workgroup formed to minimize barriers for students.

Christine McMullin, SBCTC, Policy Associate

- WSAC: works closely with financial aid; continues to be supportive.
- Admission and Registration Council: fraudulent applications continue to be a concern due to impact on class registration, new student orientation, fraudulent use of funds, identity theft; long-standing requests for enhancements to application process regarding residency status.

Brad Baranowski, ACC President, Peninsula College

- ctcLink Workgroup Update (see excel notes)
- Brad Baranowski, Peninsula College and Dawn Weber, Olympic College (reps)
- Dawn shared workgroup slowed as success software RFP process began.
- Brad as interest in pursuing enhancements for advisor assignments; noted enhancement requests go through campus project manager.
- Opportunity for others to join work group, sub-committees; some expressed interest

Break (10 minutes)



Student Supports Updates

Jennifer Dellinger, SBCTC, Policy Associate

- [WA Student Experience \(Basic Needs\) Survey](#)
- [GOA Confirms Student Face Food Insecurity](#)
- Benefits Promotion Pilot (see slides)
 - Current CTCs: Cascadia, Columbia Basin, Edmonds, Green River, Highline, Lower Columbia, North Seattle, South Seattle, Seattle Central, South Puget Sound, Spokane Falls, and Whatcom.
- Student Support Programs Engagements (see slides)

Spotlights

Brad Baranowski, ACC President, Peninsula College; Christine McMullin, SBCTC

- Counseling Corner: RCW updates – No RCW updates
- Highlighting the Counseling part of ACC
 - [Cont'd Ed](#)
 - [Suicide prevention](#)
 - [Health Equity Cont'd Ed Training](#)
 - [Rules in progress](#)
 - [Approved supervisor](#)
- Counseling statewide strategy update
 - International Movement towards Framework for Healthy Campus(es)
 - [The Okanagan Charter | wellbeing.ubc.ca](#)
 - [US Health Promoting Campuses Network](#) including Skagit Valley as an institutional member.

Breakouts

- Favorite Fidget?
- Focus forward – What are you excited about finishing or implementing this year?
- Shared themes from the groups

Lunch

Finish ACC Workplan

Brad Baranowski, ACC President, Peninsula College

- Shared working document; reviewed suggested edits and changes.
- Group looked line-by-line through the work plan goals, strategies, objectives.



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Discussion Points:

- Comments to pull more of the counseling focus back into the focus; ACC seems heavily skewed towards advising.
- Considerations for HBCU/HIS should be included.
- ACC to think about considerations for Transfer work as well.
- Resources shared for HBCU's; National College Resources Foundation (NCRF)
- Agreement on building space to share experiences between members of this council

Wrap-up and looking ahead to spring ACC

- Membership requested Hybrid option.
- Requested Session/Breakouts:
 - Transfer Resources/Support/Structures
 - Suicide Prevention
 - Mental Health Support, LMHP, Case Management
- Request for gluten free, sugar free, vegetarian options.

Member Updates and Announcements

- [LinkedIn Possibilities in Tech Scholarship](#)
- [20th Annual Seattle University SDA Internship and Networking Fair](#)



ACC WINTER 2025 MEETING – SBCTC UPDATES

Friday, January 24, 2025
Christine McMullin, Policy Associate

2025 Legislative Watch List

[HB 1492](#) – Proving early registration for students with dependents

[SB 5355](#) – Improving safety and supporting student survivors of sexual assault

[HB 1557](#) / [SB 5308](#) – Establishing the WA guaranteed admissions program and requiring student notifications

[SB 5164](#) / [HB 1136](#) – Student Navigational Support (HB 1835 scale up)

[HB 1035](#) – Creating policies and resources to address secondary traumatic stress in higher ed workforce

[HB 1565](#) – Continuing the Dual Enrollment Scholarship

[SB 5321](#) – Postsecondary access to medicine abortion

2025 Legislative Priorities

- 2025-27 Operating Budget Request
 - Preserve 2023-25 state allocation for FY 25 (\$28.6 million)
 - Maintain Current Funding
 - Make Targeted Investments in compensation and operations (\$183 million + \$90 million)
- 2025-27 Capital Budget Request
 - Preserve, Optimize, Modernize (\$650 million)

Other Updates

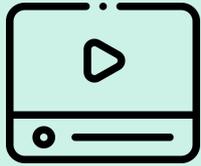
- Washington College Grant – Apprenticeships (WCG-A)
- Student Financial Responsibility Agreement (SFRA)
- Student Success Tool – Vendor demonstrations
- Mental Health/Wellness Convenings – February 28, 1 pm – Okanogan Charter Information Session

Questions/Other Hot Topics?

Dual Credit Updates

- **Save the Date! Higher Education SchoolLinks HSBP Platform Demo Meeting - January 30th 1:00pm-2:30pm**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82995790798>
- **Legislative Updates**
 - **HB 1273 - CTE Dual Credit**
 - **HB 1565 - Dual Enrollment Scholarship**
- **CHSA - The Next Phase of Dual Enrollment Policy: A Seven-State Cohort to Create Comprehensive Dual Enrollment Policy Systems**
 - Washington 1 of 7 states selected
 - 2 year period; December 2024-September 2026
 - Receive technical assistance and funding to work collaboratively and with state coaches to set a statewide vision for dual enrollment
 - This project supports the work of the dual enrollment policy movement aligned to the ambitious goal and vision outlined in CHSA's [The Next Phase of Dual Enrollment Policy: A Vision for the Field](#)

CTC Running Start Virtual Series



The presentation portion of each session will be recorded and posted to the **SBCTC Dual Credit YouTube** playlist.

What's Next?

- **2/19 1-3pm Student Financials Focus**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84631186462>

- 3/19 1-3pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84324053028>
- 4/23 9-11am <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88981857767>
- 5/21 9-11am <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85638541517>
- 6/18 9-11am <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89319519186>

Thank You!

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Resources

[SBCTC Dual Credit Programs](#)

[2024 Annual Report on Dual Credit | Washington State Education Research and Data Center](#)

[Dual Credit Dashboard | Washington State Education Research and Data Center](#)

Overview

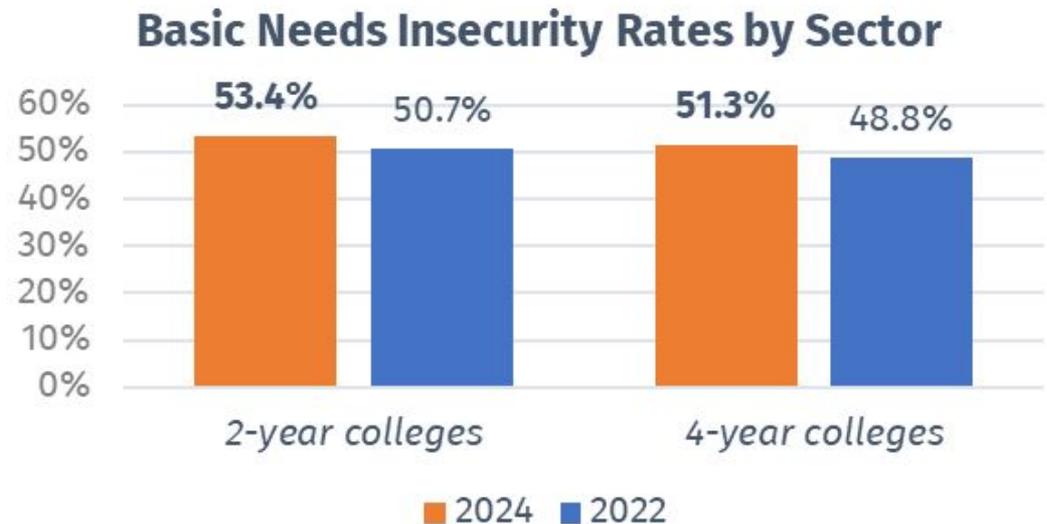
- Wa Student Experience Survey (Basic Needs Survey) Update
- Benefits Promotion Pilot
- Student Support Programs Engagements
 - Running Start Support
 - BEdA Support
 - Ability to Benefit Support

Basic Needs Survey Update

- Goal: Build awareness of the scope and prevalence of students' basic needs insecurity. Explore campus-based experiences and areas of hope in supporting students' needs.
- Completed the survey launch in Fall 2024
 - 45 Colleges and Universities
 - 12,225 Student Responses
 - 54.4% were enrolled in two-year colleges
 - 45.6% were enrolled in four-year colleges
- Full Data Report Available end of January

Basic Needs Landscape

- **53.4% of students at two-year colleges, a 6.6% increase from 2022**
- **51.3% of students at four-year colleges, a 5.1% increase from 2022**



Basic Needs Landscape Cont.

Only half of students experiencing basic needs insecurity are using available support resources

- **53.0%** of respondents experiencing basic needs insecurity accessed *public basic needs support resources* in the past 6 months
- **40.7%** of respondents experiencing basic needs insecurity accessed *campus basic needs support resources* in the past 6 months

Public Resources	Campus Resources
<p>38% “I have health insurance, but it still costs too much”</p>	<p>39% “I had difficulty finding an available appointment”</p>
<p>32% “I wasn’t able to find a care provider”</p>	<p>37% “I wasn’t able to find a care provider”</p>
<p>20% “I was lacking information”</p>	<p>33% “I have health insurance, but it still costs too much”</p>

Benefits Promotion Pilot

- Academic Year 2024-2025
- Voluntary Participation - 2 & 4 Year Institutions
- Targeted Outreach and Planning of Preventative Strategies
 - Student List provided by WSAC via DSHS Data Share Agreement
 - Three quarterly targeted outreach rounds
 - Institutions will review data and adapt strategies/efforts
 - Conclude the pilot in July
- Explore Practitioner Perspectives and Learning

Student Support Programs Engagements

Goal: build awareness, make intentional intersections, support equitable access

- ◆ Information sharing
 - Presentations, Webinars, Meetings, Communications & Desk Aid Materials
- ◆ Understanding eligibility and local programs
 - Student Case Studies, financial planning, resource building
- ◆ Direct connection to Benefits Navigators
 - Dedicating space for Benefits Navigators to share about their role, basic needs work, and meet college staff
 - Increasing collaboration for referrals and support



Thank You!!!

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