

Financial Aid Council Business Meeting – Minutes
Spring 2016 – May 13, 2016
Spokane Community College, Spokane Washington

Members present for meeting: Tammy Zibell, Zoya Zhuh, Melanie Ruiz, Steve Downing, Jeremy Iverson, Thu-Cuc Luong, Brigid McDevitt, Noel McBride, Margorie Davis, Bill Chaney, MiChelle Thorson, Jane Baumgarden, Sherri Ballantyne, Johanna Dwyer, Jeff Lackey, Krista Francis, Kathy Day, Corinne Sotis, Ruben Flores, Danielle Hodgen, Mary Edington

Meeting called 11:35am

Winter Quarter Meeting Minutes Reviewed.

Tammy Zibell presented the meeting minutes for Janet Cantalone. Noel moved to accept the minutes as presented and the motion was 2nd was Melanie Ruiz

Action: Winter 2016 Meeting minutes approved

Reports

Treasures Report:

The Treasurer's report was presented by Noel McBride on behalf of Kelly Forsberg. The report was emailed to the FAC members. The account balance as of May 13, 2016 is \$8,271.66.

A motion to approve the report was made by Daniel Hodgen, and Tamm Zibell seconded the motion.

Action: Treasurer Report approved

FAST Committee Report:

Michell reported by ITV. She had sent out the maintainance list the night before. Will come at a late date from the State Board, later in June.

State Need Grant Work Group

Sheri Balantyne reported that the State Need Grant Work group has not been meeting. Sherri did not have any information about State Need Grant real time reporting.

New Business

Darren Pitcher attended the FAC meeting in Christina Castorena's place to gather input for the WSSSC proposal to change and eliminate some of the intent codes currently being used at the colleges.

Bill Chaney would like the use of the M code to be eliminated. There was discussion about schools' M code for pre-nursing students and other high demand competitive programs. There are implications for financial aid, work force funding eligibility, as well as accurately identifying program completions. No one expressed support for the use of the M code.

Action: The coding changes were accepted by the FAC members present. No negative impacts were identified and the group supported WSSSC moving forward in accepting the changes they proposed. However, a proposal will be sent to SBCTC regarding the M Code and possible changes to allow the M code to be used with the AA-DTA for Work Force programs.

Discussion of 2017-2018 early FAFSA application using prior prior year tax information.

Walla Walla College will not be changing their application deadlines for the 2017-2018 year. They want to have a better understanding of the paperwork flow and timing of access to applications and allocations prior to making a change. Danielle wants to go through one cycle before deciding on a change, otherwise it is a guessing and we could be very wrong.

Action: There was support from many colleges to maintain current deadline dates for 2017-2018 until the impacts of October FAFSA filing could be accessed.

The current President elect position is vacant. Noel McBride asked for nominations for a new President elect. Daniel Hodgen from Walla Walla said that she would think about it, but she is currently on WASFA and wanted more information about the time period of responsibility.

Johanna Dwyer from South Puget Sound said that she had let Wendy know that she was willing to be the President elect.

Action: Noel will send out a ballot to vote for President Elect replacement.

Noel presented the 2016-2017 Work Plan, and asked for input prior to presenting the plan to WSSSC on July 12, 2016. After discussion, it was agreed to add language regarding not changing deadlines for 2017-2018 until the impacts for using prior, prior year tax information to file the FAFSA early have been accessed.

Tammy: Goal 3 – looking at ways to eliminate terms and conditions. Mass package, no verify, Ed plan, IT writing queries for them – to check for errors. Discussion of automating the process for collecting acceptance by students of the required terms and conditions.

Action: Further discussion on this topic will be carried forward to the next meeting. Each School will submit a copy of their terms and conditions, along with their current distribution and collection process.

1st Step, better CTC link, still having struggles. Clark has agreed to help. Desperately working on removing barriers.

Corinne Soltis asked if WAVE 2 schools will receive the report of data that needs to be cleaned up. It was suggested that she contact Kim Wasierski at SBCTC.

Tacoma and Spokane – Survival Mode but are working to making improvements. They created a File processing booklet- Where to look and what to look for.

Willing to Share – Business Flow Document very basic but need information for staff - Tammy

PQA Access – familiarize yourself with the process.

Tammy Zibell motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Daniel Hodgen.

Motion approved to adjourn 12:00 pm.