

## Financial Aid Council

### Fall 2018 at WFAA - Meeting Minutes

Yakima Valley Community College

Room 157–Deccio Higher Education Bldg; (by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/258374428>)

Yakima, WA; Tuesday, October 9, 2018; 1:00 to 5:00 pm

**In attendance:** Heidi Townsend, Ruben Flores, Jessica Harris, Rahel Weldu, Steve Downing, Remi Allen, Theresa Stevens, Tammy Zibell, Paul Lee, Cheryl Fritz, Deann Holliday, Becky Phillips, Jamie Huey, Travis McCullough, Erlinda Cruz, Alan-Michael Alston, Oscar Verduzco, Kimberly Greer, Den Beus, Danielle Hodgen, Jeff Lackey, Carl Schroer, Brianna Sanchez, Alexandra Bailey, Deborah Englehardt, Marjorie Davis, Wendy Joseph, Tracy Dahl, Lisa Fortson, Ardella Williams-Nelson, Chippi Bello, Stephanie Carino, Ruth Ramirez, MiChelle Thorsen.

**By ZOOM:** Crystal Allison, Karina Sanchez, Johanna Dwyer, Brigitte Baker, Linnea Hengst, Crystal Bagby, Scott Copeland, Christina Castorena, Everett CC

**Called to order:** 1:15 pm

**SBCTC-IT update (Legacy)** Becky Phillips

FAM Releases: 2019-20 application processing release:

- Scheduled for install by mid-December.
- Copying forward: Agency tables (SNG eligibility, IRS tracking, etc), Shopping Sheet, Loan Debt Notification, 19-20 SNG MFI amounts pre-entered, 2 bug fixes.
- Planning web-based Award Year Setup workshops.

2019-20 Pell schedule release:

- Depends on ED release of 2019-20 schedule
- Tentatively scheduled in January.

2018-19 SNG Interim Report

- Yearly updates have been made to SM9739J
- Already in use by college for Real Time Reporting

Reminder: Contact SBCTC-IT Support Desk at [support@sbctc.edu](mailto:support@sbctc.edu) with questions and requests for assistance with the Legacy system.

**SBCTC CTC Link update (PeopleSoft)** Stephanie Casino; Alan-Michael Alston

Reminder: CPWs are resuming; consult w/ your campus project manager with questions and to register; next FA CPW is at Whatcom CC Oct 24-26.

**WSAC update** Becky Thompson; Carla Idohl-Corwin

- Residency for state aid: now aligning SNG and CBS requirements.
- For DACA and 1079 questions: be sure to consult with your school's residency officer.

- WASFA update/enhancements: changed the order in which residency questions are asked; HB1079 works for residency; FAA's will be able to make corrections to 2019-20 WASFA; parents will be able to enter all zeros for SSN like for the FAFSA.
- Recommend FAFSA and WASFA workshops are offered as one workshop to not inadvertently single out WASFA applicants.
- Some recent concerns:
  - A non-profit agency in Whatcom/Skagit area working with HB1079 students is advising them to not complete the WAFSA (privacy concerns); there is a privacy statement at the beginning of the WASFA application.
  - Student eligible for FAFSA but parents are undocumented: student is concerned about putting parent info on FAFSA: students in this situation may complete a WASFA instead; you should still check for possible ineligibility to do FAFSA (i.e. if in default or owe a repayment to Pell).
  - Student expressed concern that WASFA completion workshops may be I.C.E. trap

#### **BankMobile: Single Sign-on** Tip Ryan

- Eliminates need for personal code.
- Requires IT Department involvement to configure and launch.
- Requires educating users (students) how to access; students who change schools must be sure to update email address.
- May eliminate the need for mailing of green envelope.
- Single sign-on is not an option for Legacy CTCs not using the financial aid portal; legacy schools would need to go thru the ERP process.
- Issues for PS schools: currently partnering to allow set up by individual school.

#### **WSSSC liaison update** Christina Castorena

- Dreamers workshop Nov 13 & Nov 30 at Bates.
- CTC Leadership Development Academy: applications due end of October.
- WSSSC at Clark Oct. 13.

#### **SBCTC legislative update** Ruben Flores

- Ad hoc:
  - Encourages FAC leadership on various workgroups.
  - 72 Gold Star tuition waiver may be awarded to RS students.
  - 25 of 34 CTCs who replied to poll have a book lending program that includes RS students.
  - FAFSA/WASFA HS nights (outreach): encourage partnerships with community agencies to increase outreach.
  - Funding dual credit (RS students): looking at options.
  - Opportunity grant was selected for a program review.
- 2019 WACTCSA Legislative action agenda:
  - New hope for previously incarcerated students.
  - Textbook and Open Educational Resources Affordability and Accessibility.
  - College affordability.
  - System issue: address college campus food insecurity.
- AP/IB/CI policy: to comply with HB5917, Instruction Commission approved a policy for awarding credit for minimum scores for students coming to CTCs with scores in Advanced Placement (AP). CTCs already have a policy and a crosswalk for transfer students.

- Upcoming conferences and events.

**Ability to Benefit (ATB) implementation** Chippi Bello (Clark); Ruben Flores

- Chippi provided a presentation on how Clark developed/implemented the new ATB; takeaways:
  - Implementation requires coordination with ABE and HS 21 programs (for vetting students and to ensure they meet ATB eligibility and enroll in a designated career pathway program).
  - Once eligible, student is eligible for all forms of aid (not restricted to Pell only).

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**Business Meeting**

**Called to order: 4:30 pm**

Reports:

Review spring meeting minutes – accepted.

Review treasurer’s report – recommend adding a “reserve” line item to budget.

Report from FAST Committee – nothing new to report (the committee hasn’t met for a while due to conflicting priorities (CPWs).

Report from work-groups – Heidi Townsend is on the Passport work group; legislative work group is expected to pick back up in January.

Old Business:

2017-18 Year-end report

2018-19 Work plan discussion

**Adjourned: 5:10 PM** (tabled new business until the sector meeting).

**October 11, 2018**

**Called to order: 5 pm**

New Business:

Meetings venues – discussion tabled until winter 2019 meeting at Rainbow.

Implementing dues – discussion tabled until winter 2019 meeting at Rainbow.

Other – Dianne from FATV provided a brief presentation of Chatbot.

**Adjourned: 5:45 pm**