Welcome to RPC!
System Overview
A brief history of RPC…

• Formerly known as WARP (Washington Association for Research and Planning – no formerly recognized structure or work plan)
• Granted commission status in 2012
• Reports to the Educational Services Committee of WACTC
• Develops an annual work plan, submitted to the Ed Services Committee
• Completes tasks outside of the work plan, as requested by the Ed Services Committee
• Recently invited to sit on and support WACTC Technology and Strategic Visioning Committees.
RPC Executive Committee

• President: Naina Eshwar (Seattle Central College)
• Past-President: Nick Velluzzi (Walla Walla Community College)
• President-Elect: Allison Phayre (Olympic College)
• Secretary: Evan Picton (Skagit Valley College)
• Treasurer: Diana David (Bellingham Technical College)
• State Board Liaison: Darby Kaikkonen
RPC Mission Areas

• **Mission Area 1:** Provide applied research and analysis services to the Washington Association for Community and Technical Colleges (WACTC) and the various commissions, councils, committees and task forces within the WACTC structure

• **Mission Area 2:** Collaborate with the SBCTC to improve the availability and quality of data and to support college accountability and performance efforts

• **Mission Area 3:** Support and encourage the professional development of RPC members
Listserv

• Researchers listserv – “closed”, members must serve in an IR/P/E capacity at an institution to join
  • Requests to join are first approved by RPC Exec
  • Data Warehouse distributions are delivered via this listserv

• Directions for subscribing are found on SBCTC website: http://www.sbctc.edu/colleges-staff/it-support/mailman-lists/default.aspx
Useful online resources...

• SBCTC website:  http://www.sbctc.edu/default.aspx
  • College system info for administrators, faculty, staff
  • Public info for students, media, businesses

• RPC website:  
  http://www.sbctc.edu/colleges-staff/commissions-councils/rpc/default.aspx
  • Mission & Vision Statements
  • Meeting information
  • Executive Committee
  • Current Committees
  • Membership list & contact info
More useful online resources…

• RPC Resources:  
  http://www.sbctc.edu/colleges-staff/commissions-councils/rpc/resources.aspx  
  • RPC Bylaws and Constitution

• RPC Meetings and Minutes webpage:  
  http://www.sbctc.edu/colleges-staff/commissions-councils/rpc/minutes.aspx
Research and Planning Resources: System-level (SBCTC)

• Data Warehouse & data dictionaries
• Data Linking for Outcomes Assessment (DLOA)
• Student Achievement (SA)
• Mutual Research Transcript Exchange (MRTE+)
• Academic Year Reports, Fall Enrollment & Staffing Reports
• Student-Faculty Ratio (SFR)
• eLearning Data
• Coding – Data Warehouse, Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes
• Calendars – Management Information System (MIS) reporting, instructional, IPEDS
Research and Planning Resources: State-level (WA)

• Education Research & Data Center (ERDC)
• Employment Security Department (ESD)
• Office of Financial Management (OFM)
• Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
• Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB)
Research and Planning Resources: National-level

• Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)
• Census Bureau
• National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES)
• Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Data Center
Research and Planning Resources: Other

- American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)
- Association for Institutional Research (AIR)
- Center for Student Engagement (CCSSE)
- Community College Research Center (CCRC)
- Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP)
- Institute for International Education (IIE)
- National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS)
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
- Society for College and University Planning (SCUP)
- Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)
Questions?