



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

FEB. 25, 2022

ZOOM

Members Present

Lin Zhou, Bates
Gary Locke, Bellevue
Walter Hudsick, Bellingham
Sara Thompson Tweedy, Big Bend
Eric Murray, Cascadia
Bob Mohrbacher, Centralia
Karin Edwards, Clark
Joyce Loveday, Clover Park
Rebekah Woods, Columbia Basin
Amit Singh, Edmonds
Joseph Whalen, Everett
Ed Brewster, Grays Harbor
Suzanne Johnson, Green River
John Mosby, Highline
Amy Morrison, Lake Washington
Chris Bailey, Lower Columbia
Chemene Crawford, North Seattle
Marty Cavalluzzi, Olympic
Luke Robins, Peninsula
Michele Johnson, Pierce College
Julie White, Pierce Fort Steilacoom
Matthew Campbell, Pierce Puyallup
Yoshiko Harden, Seattle Central
Shouan Pan, Seattle Colleges
Steve Hanson, Shoreline
Tom Keegan, Skagit Valley
Tim Stokes, South Puget Sound
Christine Johnson, CC of Spokane
Kevin Brockbank, Spokane
Kimberlee Messina, Spokane Falls
Ivan Harrell, Tacoma

Chad Hickox, Walla Walla
Kathi Hiyane-Brown, Whatcom
Linda Kaminski, Yakima Valley

Substitutes

Brett Riley for Jim Richardson, Wenatchee Valley

Members Absent

Kevin McCarthy, Renton
Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap, South Seattle

Ex-Officio Members — SBCTC

Jan Yoshiwara, executive director
Choi Halladay, deputy executive director, BO
Grant Rodeheaver, deputy executive director, IT
Carli Schiffner, deputy executive director, ED

Guests and SBCTC Staff

Sen. David Frockt
Aileen Miller, Assistant Attorney General
Greg Bianchi, Microsoft Philanthropies
Doug Mah, ACT president
Cherie Berthon, SBCTC
Wayne Doty, SBCTC
Beth Gordon, SBCTC
Arlen Harris, SBCTC
Joe Holliday, SBCTC
Julie Huss, SBCTC
Laura McDowell, SBCTC
Ha Nguyen, SBCTC
Julie Walter, SBCTC

Call to Order and Welcome

Christine Johnson, WACTC president, called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. and welcomed those present.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that WACTC approve the Jan. 26, 2022 minutes without corrections.

MOTION PASSED.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Bailey presented the treasurer's report with a current balance of \$5,221.52.

Executive Committee Report — Christine Johnson, WACTC president

Guest speakers

- Sen. David Frockt: WACTC thanked Sen. Frockt for his loyal and effective support of Washington's community and technical college students and the families, communities and businesses that benefit from their higher education.
- Doug Bianchi, Microsoft Philanthropies: Provided a brief overview of Microsoft's national [campaign](#) to help community colleges expand the cybersecurity workforce.
- Aileen Miller, assistant attorney general: Introduced as the new education division chief, replacing Dave Stolier, who retired.

Equity Committee — John Mosby, chair and Julie White, vice chair

Financial Aid Equity Audit Workgroup recommendations

The Financial Aid Equity Audit Workgroup recommendations on data collection and dissemination and ctcLink impact on financial aid processes were presented for first reading at the January meeting.

Data collection and dissemination

The workgroup conducted a brief overview analysis of the amounts and types of financial aid received by students in Washington state per the unit records, disaggregated by racial and socioeconomic status demographics and considered effects on the enrollment and retention of BIPOC students.

Issues:

- Colleges annually report information on all need based financial aid recipients to the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) through the Unit Record Reporting (URR) process.
- WSAC returns a "profile" report that provides summary data for each college, with comparisons to other community colleges and all colleges providing state financial aid.
- However, that profile report does not currently provide information on race/ethnicity even though the URR contains that information. Although they are lagging indicators, they can lead to constructive campus conversations. The profile report should be shared broadly within a college providing an overview of students being served by financial aid and a comparison to previous years, using an equity lens.

Recommendations:

- Three to five community colleges to be selected to work on a pilot with WSAC and SBCTC. Campuses to have cross-divisional representatives, and should consider members from equity/diversity teams, student life and financial aid. These members would identify data elements to be added to the profile for all colleges.
- Further, pilot group members to assist WSAC in the development of a guide, for use by all colleges, to provide recommendations on how to share the report across campus and how to facilitate constructive campus conversations.

Implementation suggestion:

- WACTC Educational Services Committee and Research Planning Commission, with WSAC and SBCTC.

ctcLink impact on financial aid processes

The workgroup discussed and explored three overarching issues:

1. Lack of urgency to address the problem with financial aid processing.
2. Lack of acknowledgement that there are inequitable impacts on BIPOC and first generation students.
3. Lack of coordination and dissemination of training materials, including lessons learned in prior deployment groups.

Issues:

- As mentioned in area of examination number one above, WSAC is currently working to analyze the amounts and types of financial aid received by students, disaggregated by racial and socioeconomic status demographics to better assess these impacts. However, the experiences of ctcLink colleges provides ample anecdotal evidence of problems with financial aid processing.
- Action should begin even as the data issues are being resolved, given that research overwhelmingly indicates that students of color and low-income students are disproportionately harmed by financial aid policies and processes.
- While earlier deployment groups have developed work arounds and strategies for minimizing this impact, they have been costly. The lessons that those early colleges learned have also not been systematically shared with subsequent deployment groups, leaving each new college to attempt to figure out how to make the system work individually.
- Washington community and technical college students are being harmed daily by the lack of urgency to address the problems with financial aid processing and by the lack of acknowledgment of these inequitable impacts.
- There are differing interpretations of how best to enact financial aid policies and processes across the system. These interpretations may affect the ability to build a less manual system.

Recommendations:

- Work with Oracle and SBCTC to improve product and deployment.
- Provide additional resources for training and instructional materials.
- Provide structured opportunities for colleges to learn from previous deployments.

Implementation suggestion:

- WACTC Technology Committee

WACTC agreed to discuss more before voting on recommendations.

Critical Issues Committee Report — Suzanne Johnson, chair

Updates were provided on:

- Enrollments
- Running Start and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund.
- Dual credit legislation.
 - HB 1760 (Paul): Dual credit program access
 - SB 5719 (Mullet): Dual credit costs
 - HB 1867 (Paul): Dual credit program data

Legislative and Public Information Committee Report — Ivan Harrell, chair

Updates were provided on:

- Upcoming messaging.
- Engagement with legislators.
- Statewide advertising campaign: Big Future. Small Price Tag.
 - Advertising platform click-through rates.
 - Status of deliverables.
 - Enrollment pipeline and choke points.
 - [Advertising toolkit](#).

Operating Budget Committee Report — Tim Stokes, chair

2022 supplemental budget

A high-level summary of the Senate and House operating budget released earlier in the week was provided.

SBCTC Request	Amount in millions	Governor	Senate	House
Cybersecurity 500 Enrollments + COE	\$7.2	X	X	X
Expand Services to Homeless Students	\$2.9	X	X	X
Financial Aid - Part 1 - Added Staff at Colleges	\$3.9	X		
Financial Aid - Part 2 - Outreach with CBOs	\$2.7	X	X	X
Climate Solutions	\$1.5	X	X	
Refugee Education	\$3.1	X	X	X
Policy Items of Governor/Legislature				
Healthcare Simulation Lab Equipment	<i>Funding levels in millions</i>	\$5.8	\$8	\$5.8
Healthcare Workforce Opportunity Grants		\$8	\$8	\$8
Nursing Education				\$3.8
Commercial Driver's License Training		\$3.8	\$5	\$3.8
Outreach Specialists (HB 1835)				\$1.5

Compensation Summary

Fund Split for all: 85% State / 15% Tuition

Employee Group	Percent Increase (July 1, 2022)
Faculty & Tech College Classified	4.67%
Classified Represented (WFSE & WPEA)	3.25% & \$2,000 lump sum if <\$99,000 annual salary
Exempt	3.25%

Capital Budget Committee Report – Luke Robins, vice chair

2022 supplemental budget

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College/Project (Funding Phase)	SBCTC	Governor	Senate	House
Pierce Fort Steilacoom: Emergency Asbestos Mitigation (Design & Build)	\$13,159,000	\$13,159,000	\$13,159,000	\$13,159,000
Statewide: Minor Works-Infrastructure (Design & Build)	\$27,083,000	\$27,083,000	\$4,903,000	\$13,796,000

Other items to note in the Senate proposal includes:

- \$1.6 million for construction of an addition to a high school building looks like a technical error made during budget writing.
- \$40 million for project cost escalations included in the Office of Financial Management’s budget.
- Accepted the State Board’s recommended budget structure of submitting a request for design and construction funding at the same time, as required in the 2021 capital budget which asked for a report on alternative ways of prioritizing and presenting the system’s capital projects list.

Updates were provided on:

- 2023-25 capital budget development
 - Major project scoring: appeals due Feb. 28.
 - March Presidents’ Academy preparation.
- Clean building standards

Technology Committee Report – Joyce Loveday, chair

ctcLink update

- DG 6 go-live dates
 - Group A: Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Renton Technical College and Shoreline Community College: Feb. 28.
 - Group B: Clover Park Technical College, Columbia Basin College and Walla Walla Community College: April 25.
 - Group C: Bates Technical College, South Puget Sound Community College and Yakima Valley College: May 9.

- Top project risks.
- Governance: transitioning from ctcLink implementation to ctcLink stabilization and optimization.

Cloud Transitions Task Force Report to the Legislature

In 2021, the Legislature determined that the state’s information technology should move toward cloud services, with the expectation that this will deliver technical capacity, security, resiliency, disaster recovery capability and data analytics platforms and tools necessary to provide Washingtonians the services they require. (See [E2SHB 1274](#).) The Cloud Transition Task Force was created by the Washington State Office of the Chief Information Officer to review the impacts of these migrations on state staff and consider how best to meet the retraining needs to ensure that state employees are retained and fully supported through the transition.

Recommendations include:

- Establish a Cloud Readiness Program within WaTech to help agencies plan and prepare for further transitioning to cloud computing.
- Establish the Cloud Retraining Program to provide a coordinated approach to skills development and retraining.
- Define career pathways and core competencies that will support opportunities for the state’s IT workforce for advancement and transferability across agencies.
- Develop public/private partnerships with industry partners to ensure effective planning for staff retraining.

Educational Services Committee Report — Sara Thompson Tweedy, chair

Updates were provided on:

- Promising Practice Exchange
 - Feb. 17: student mental health
 - April 21: meeting student basic needs
- Guided Pathways Advisory Committee (GPAC)
- Postsecondary Data Partnership (PDP)

Trustees Report — Doug Mah, ACT president

Updates were provided on:

- ACCT National Legislative Summit: Thanked Ivan Harrell for bringing students and recommended more colleges do so in the future.
- ACT Awards: Nominations due April 1.

ACT event schedule

- Trustee Tuesday — Budgets/financial reports and the role of the trustees in their college budget process: March 8.
- Trustee Tuesday — Presidential searches: TBD.
- ACT Spring Conference: May 19-20, Silver Cloud Hotel hosted by Tacoma Community College.

State Board Report — Jan Yoshiwara, executive director

Updates were provided on:

- Part-time faculty best practices survey and report.
- System leadership development.
- Washington State Community and Technical Colleges American Indian Indigenous Studies Advisory Board (WCAAB) inaugural meeting.
- State Board staff return to office.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Feb. 25, 2022 Board of Presidents meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next meeting will be March 24-25, 2022 via Zoom.

Minutes prepared by Julie Walter