I-BEST WebEx – 5.8.20 – Summary

WebEx called to order and welcome by Will Durden

Highline has a student that doesn’t have a car to be able to come and pick up the Chromebook – any suggestions?
- Christy Lowder - Could the college FedEx it to her? That provides signature of receipt.
- Jo Munroe - I will check with other Communities. We are having those discussions.

Question: Nicole Hopkins - Do your campuses have a designated person that is in charge of distributing these funds?
Question: Jon Kerr - Are your campus financial aid offices offering CARES funding to AtB students?
- SPSCC – funds are being distributed through the financial aid office and the college is providing funds to students that have not completed a FAFSA, despite DeVos
- Highline - I haven’t heard anything about the CARES act from my campus.
- I’ve received information about a colleague of mine at another college - that’s the only way I’m hearing about the funding. Nothing from my college.
- CARES Act information received FROM a colleague...
- Ruth @ BTC - We have emergency funding available in general and a separate COVID funding as well are CARES act funding. We have a virtual lobby for Financial Aid where students can drop in and find out what they qualify for and how to access these funds. All funding is going through financial aid.
- Also, BTC - There is one application for all types of emergency funding. Our financial aid office is still interpreting the rules...
- Hannah Berry-Chee - Our VP of Student Affairs sent an online application for students to fill out for funding (CARES act)

If our faculty doesn’t even have the information about the CARES Act money, how on earth are they able to share that with students?!

- Highline – be sure that your students apply for FAFSA now for this year and be proactive and apply for next. To get them in the pipeline for the CARES Act funding.

We have been working with our WA State Attorney General’s office on the impacts of the DOE’s interpretation of “students” who are eligible to receive the CARES Act emergency funds. The AG’s office is interested in challenging the guidance and direction provided by the DOE that has not allowed emergency grants to be provided to students who don’t have an HSD, can’t complete a FAFSA, or our DACA students.

Jon shared that our students are the ones that have been most greatly impacted by the latest guidance. What we do know is that DOE is vulnerable because there was not rule-making undertaken to confirm their interpretation and guidance and that is required by law. It appears that DOE has cobbled together existing regulations to provide the interpretation or the guidance we received last week.

**Q)** Highline - Does this mean colleges have the CARES money?
**A)** Yes, the first round of funding was released in March – targeting students with most in need. Your college should have a listing of the funds received and how they’ve been distributed.
**Q)** SPSCC understands that 50% of the COVID funds are to be used directly for students?
Yes, that is correct, the first installment of 6 billion is for direct aid to students (50%). The next installment is for infrastructure around COVID issues.

- CPTC - The president at my college announced we received the funds, but did not share details who/how the funds will be distributed.
- Highline - From Christie Knighton - Thanks - good to know. Also, frustrating that I haven’t heard anything at my school. :(

Now that the Gov has opened up some low-risk programs, are any of you involved in I-BEST and moving pieces back onto the campus?

- SPSCC – one Auto I-BEST teacher will be in class and the other is staying online.
- Spokane – Automotive, all lectures are still online, hands on in shop with social distancing

Jo Monroe - Emotional support for students and faculty – what if anything, is being done proactively with your campus?

- SPSCC – their counselling department has been offering Zoom meeting and individual meetings available for faculty.
- Ruth Clark - We have drop in counseling services available for students and staff
- Christie Knighton - Love the question. We haven’t addressed this at my campus yet. All summer classes are online for us. Nice reminder - our counseling services are available, with specific sessions, and drop in Zoom lobby as well.
- Ruth Clark - We have Zoom and phone sessions available. We had a 'care' campaign. Where we called many of our students to check in on them.

Resources

- University of So. California Events/trainings
- Land Acknowledgement - Squaxin Island Tribe > Art and Culture > Lushootseed Language
- I-BEST Web Series
- CBS COVID-19 Updates
- Remote Learning Resources

I-BEST Webinar Series – Will Durden

Spring 2020 I-BEST Zoom Series | Fridays @ 10:30am – 11:30am
- May 8th - Welcome, Land Acknowledgment, Announcements and Q&A
- May 15th - Welcome, Land Acknowledgment, Announcements and Q&A
- May 22nd: No Meeting - Memorial Day Weekend
- May 29th - Team teacher training registration