

## College Council Agenda January 6, 2021

### **ZOOM (remote)**

**Attendees:** Larry Cushnie, Jane Harness, Betsy Hasegawa, Jaime Flajole, Ben Johnson, Jay Mayer, Kathie Pham, Pedro Reyes, Marianna Asaturova, Haris Mujahid, Julianne DeGeyter, Tom

**Secretary:** Christa Zinke

**Begin:** 2:30pm

**End:** 4pm

## 1. WELCOME AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- Updates from Council members about the happenings within their constituent communities

Jane: Winter enrollment in BTS is higher than fall quarter.

Ben: Apprenticeship hit 92% of enrollment in Fall 2020 compared to Fall 2019. Huge accomplishment on the part of programs to innovate. A lot of effort by a lot of folks to make this happen.

Julienne: There will be new CARES funding but we won't know what we're getting until Feb 1. They are changing the funding formula and we're not sure how that is going to affect us. We have to spend an equal amount on funding for students and for institutional purposes. We are hoping to purchase Plexiglass shields for student service locations. Winter quarter we are short-staffed with door and gate monitors, continuing to work on cleaning schedules to make sure that we can increase capacity this quarter. Budgets have been loaded into FMS.

Jaime: Academic alert went out to students on Monday. Students in bad standing with financial aid did not find out until Monday due to the holiday and now students are not able to meet with counselors due to capacity and being required to meet with counselors prior to enrolling. Then, there is confusion on whether the last day to enroll is the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the quarter or the 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, due to CTCLink, we aren't sure whether students will be able to see the Spring schedule and whether it will be loaded into SMS for students to view. Then, we do not know whether there is a plan for the week of Feb 16 where we won't have access to either SMS or CTCLink.

Haris: Enrollment has been a bit concerning. Academic classes had a lot of cancellations, though we did observe a spike in enrollment after 12/28. Enrollment is important because instruction is the core of our business model and without instruction we are nothing. We need to focus and concentrate on instruction because we derive revenue by instruction and our FTE.

Pedro: We are now unsure of who is going to be in charge of putting classes in CTCLink and adding students to those classes. We're pretty proud of how the students are handling the pandemic.

Kathie: I meet monthly with the emergency funds leads for all three colleges. At south, with EF, the two biggest issues are food insecurity and paying for rent. I have been working with Monica Lundberg – we are still seeing a huge need for food. So far, we have given \$25k in 75-100 incremental grocery cards to students. We need to look at the barriers that our students are facing to go to school. Our team sent out a survey to students who received scholarships and got 40 respondents, with 15 coming from South. The challenges students said were most relevant, 75% identified was online learning. We aren't exactly sure what that means, whether it is access to wifi/internet, access to equipment, navigating the online system etc. The next challenges were job loss and childcare issues. Next, on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> we sent out an email about our annual scholarship. For the 2020-21 school year we awarded \$385k to 110 students. We did leave money on the table with program specific scholarships where we did not have enough students who applied for those scholarships. We would like to discuss some collaborative ideas on how to get students to apply for those scholarships so that we don't continue to leave money on the table. Scholarship applications will be accepted from 2/15-4/15.

Mariana: We are working with Promise Students and it seems like Promise Students and students of colors are struggling. We are working with faculty to place navigators in classes to help these students be more successful. We need to do everything that we can to retain our students. There is also going to be a struggle with new CTCLink TLRs.

Julienne: It looks like classified staff and hourly staff will need to log in at the beginning of their shift and the end of their shift per the new system.

Jay: For the third quarter in a row, none of the equipment that we have checked out has been returned. While we would like to believe it's because students are continuing enrollment, there are likely lots of students who are just not returning them. We still have a lot of students on waitlists from Fall who we are just now providing hotspots to. Rumor has it that the Chromebooks were delivered to Central last week. No one from South's team has seen them so while we are hopeful, but I need to see them to believe it. We also are going to need to transition from SIDs to EMPLIDs. Everything will be transitioning and we've been working with vendors to facilitate this transition. South did not have any issues with classes starting, although Central did.

Betsy: The 3 EDI have been trying to work on hiring practices and anti-racist, anti-biased hiring committees.

## 2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 2, 2020 (Done through online survey)

## 3. REGULAR BUSINESS

- Updates
- VPI meeting (12/7) recap – ASI talking points, E-Learning, sourcing most pertinent needs from students
- District Budget Task Force (12/10) recap – seemed to be laying groundwork for cuts in the new year; budget issues are not state-based but enrollment based; defense of ASI; clear emphasis towards permanent online program; sourcing information about single accreditation until May 30<sup>th</sup>; desire for an integrated, district budget process; support for a new district council
- Betsy: Would the single online college mean that it is a fourth college within the district?
- Larry: There's a lot of questions about the future of online learning as we are shifting to online learning due to Covid. They are discussing trying to get it so that students aren't having to enroll at three separate schools to get a full load. This suggestion did not go over well.
- Acronym Leaders (12/10) recap – FC recommendations (new counselor, bookstore default as 'no textbook', keeping a better faculty roster); feedback for one accreditation; online centralization across the district
- Course Cancellation Meeting (12/28) recap – low enrollments for Winter 2021; cancelling a lot of courses across key departments i.e. math & English; expectations for week 1

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- Scholarships
  - This is the second year of partnership with the South Foundation, we are trying to make this easier for students and create more alignment with outreach, scholarship policies. We need to determine what the needs/challenges are for outreach, but mainly determine the needs/challenges of our students. We would like to bring these back to our donors to fundraise more opportunities for students. We are starting outreach earlier this year.
- Are there any students who are excluded from scholarships?
- Kathie: Seattle Promise students can't apply for South Foundation and South Foundation is only available for current students while the District foundation can apply to new students. Students apply for scholarships for the next year, but they are not able to get the money immediately.
- District (Budget) Council – structure; responsibility; representation
  - We would love feedback on things about structure (do we pull from existing College Council, would it be something we pull from outside of CC, how many people would we want on the committee, and what priorities should the District Council have beyond just budgets). Please send any inputs to Larry.
- Priorities for winter and spring quarters
  - Tech Equity
  - Supporting student groups/clubs

#### 5. ACTION ITEMS

- Follow-up with President and VPI about agenda items

#### 6. CONTINUING CONSIDERATIONS

- Establishing Council priorities for 2021
- Prayer spaces
- Unsheltered students support
- Duwamish partnership
- Public art project in coordination with art faculty

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:30-4pm
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:30-4pm