

Council of Unions and Student Programs

Business Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 26, 2019
Walla Walla Community College
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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CUSP Membership: In attendance: Shelley Bannish (Centralia), Paz Clearwater (Lower Columbia), Jacob Chin(Seattle Central), Carrie Moore (Bellevue), Kunbi Ajiboye (Whatcom Comm Coll), Alice Schlegel (Columbia Basin College), Heidi Farani (Whatcom), Brian Murphy (Skagit Valley), Story Gilmore (CPTC), Sheila Walton (LWTC), Samatha Lelo (Clark), Kim Jackson (Big Bend), Heather McKenzie Waite (SFCC), Becky Riopel (Cascadia), Jennifer Rhodes (EVCC), Richele Blair (EVCC), Chris Eder (BTC), Vince Ruzicka (Walla Walla).

- **State Board Representative:** Edward Esparza

1. Amendments to the agenda

a. Amendments to the agenda

- i. None.
- ii. Approved.

2. Approval of minutes from Fall Quarter 2018 meeting

- a. Corrections?
- b. Moved to approve = Shelley, Seconded by Sami. Motion approved.

3. Reports

- a. **Treasurer:** invoices for voice academy will be out this coming week.
 - i. Confirmation that we will not host leg. Academy and that is beneficial to the budget.
Amendment to the outstanding balances: Spokane owes for the winter meeting and Legislative academy.
- b. **President's Report:** Two president elects and both have not been able to complete the duties. We are in a place that we do not have a president elect and we have gone through this year without a president elect. Brian is willing to stay on for an additional year and Shelley will need to decide if she is willing to stay on for past-president for an additional year. We will need to vote on president and president elect today. Sheila and Cal have stepped up to take on ed sessions for the leadership conference but that is not to say they are looking to be shadow chairs. We will need to select a shadow chair for the leadership conference.
Fall Meeting: in October will be at Clark College in Vancouver, date TBD.
Winter Meeting: TBD date/ time... Looking at the second week of February and working to align with the NWAAC and considering locations between Whatcom and Lake Washington. More to come.

Spring Meeting: will be at the hotel Murano in Tacoma as part of the WSSCC. Adjusting the registration for CUSP is something to look at, Jennifer will follow up.

c. Committees

Leadership Conference: July 8th – August 14th for registration

Thank you to Sheila and Cal for the support with the Ed Sessions. Ed session on Friday is extended and will mimic the pre-conference experience that we've offered in the past. We need a lead for assessment with Paz. We don't want to throw together the assessment at the last minute. We really need to be intentional and think about what they will assess. Alice Schlegel volunteered to work with Paz. Sheila volunteered to serve as a mentor if they want to call and ask.

Shadow Chair- really looking to enhance a cohort session model to strengthen the experience and create a structure.

Keynotes: There will be two keynotes during the conference to keep in mind when you're paying the registration fee.

Food: Juliette is taking on food to ensure there are considerations for dietary needs and food inclusion.

Site visit: May 13th will be the day for the site visit and currently Heidi Farani, Alice Schlegel, and Shannon will be present. All are encouraged to participate and join- especially if they are considering the shadow chair position.

Legislative Committee:

Would like to thank the treasurer for the overdue invoices and endless patience. Let the record show that Lake Washington is paid in full.

Voice Academy: May 3rd and 4th 12 noon-ish start time. Thank you to Centralia for volunteering to host. Food options are limited, doing the best that we can. If anyone has students with dietary restrictions, please encourage them bring food with them. We apologize, but it is what it is in terms of the limitations of the county. Currently working with WACTSA to build the structure of the program. Working with an organization to work on the Census 2020, more to come. There will be a similar structure to Legislative Academy. Saturday we will have caucus work and there will be cultural competence education around that as well.

Next year: May 8-9, 2020

Legislative Cycle: Cancelling the legislative academy and enhancing the legislative components of the leadership conference to focus on leadership development within the social justice and legislative track. Looking to offer some kind of summer training opportunity but don't have anything solid at this time. We will continue to offer Advocacy Day in January (maybe 3rd Thursday), date TBD. May of 2020 we will plan Voice Academy again.

Advocacy Day: January 22-23, 2020

d. State Board: Edward Esparza

- i. The conservative body of the legislature in the past was a challenge in terms of convincing them to fund in favor of education. We have moved to a more liberal body, but we have not

seen an ease in receiving funding. We still have our initiatives—examples are guided pathways, mesa funding, and increase in wages.

- ii. State-Need Grant has a shortage of 28K students who are not funded. There has been a big push by President, Dr. Tim Stokes to close that gap and receive full funding through the State-Need Grant. He also worked tirelessly to continue the work to fund wrap-around services for homeless students which is a considerable problem. We are supporting HB5800.
- iii. Working with our Work Force office will be increasingly important as our faces of our students continue to change rapidly. Erin Frasier is a policy associate who is working very closely on the funding for this area. She's a great contact to have if you have questions, reach out to her.
- iv. HB1702 was a legislative Academy initiative and the interns were able to go to the house and speak to this. They have done a wonderful job. No cost associated with this and it went through the house and went to committee. However, it sat in committee and legislature didn't move it. Very disappointing. We have had very intuitive and very smart interns, Mustapha Samateh and Kristina Pogosian, both have been Student Body presidents at their colleges. They are writing a letter that will go out to the CUSP body to identify the help/support they need to continue to navigate the system and assist with the training with the student body presidents in the WA CTC systems.
- v. Council now exists for support to Veterans. Rueben Flores is working with the council as a Veteran on staff.
- vi. In July, all the presidents will meet and give a report to WSSSC to ensure their work plans are in alignment with the WSSSC work plan. This is the time to ensure that all of your council documentation is up to date and correct on the websites.

e. WSSSC Report:

- i. Conference will be April 29-May 1, 2020
- ii. Written report to follow via email by Monday April 29, 2019 by Erin Blakney

4. Elections

a. Positions needed: Incoming president, Incoming-incoming president, treasurer

- i. Shelley Bannish nominates Jenn Rhodes and Kim Jackson for another two year term
 1. Vince Ruzicka moved to elect Jenn Rhodes and Kim Jackson for another 2year term. Sheila Walton seconded. Motion passes.
- ii. Jenn Rhodes moved to extend Brian's presidential term for an additional year. Kunbi Ajiboye seconded. Motion passes.
- iii. Shelley Bannish moved to elect Vince Ruzicka as incoming, incoming President. Alice Schlegel seconded. Motion passes.

Discussion

- Calendar dates for upcoming year
 - CUSP meetings
 - Fall: October 16-18, 2019 at Clark College
 - Winter: Feb 5-7, 2020 Location TBD
 - Spring (WSSCC) April 29- May 1, 2020
 - Advocacy Day 2020: January 22-23
 - Voice Academy 2020: May 8-9

- Summer meeting/planning
 - Looking to have a 'best-practices' round table and material share
- Becky Riopel brought up the desire to build time into meeting agendas for idea/sharing, brainstorming, potential opportunity to extend the agenda to include this piece (Wednesday?)

Adjourned