

# Council of Unions and Student Programs Business Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 18, 2019  
Whatcom Community College  
9:00 AM - 12:45 PM

## 9:00 am Business Meeting

**CUSP Membership:** In attendance: Leah Eberle (Skagit), Brian Murphy (Skagit), Heidi Farani (Whatcom), Carrie Moore (Bellevue), Dr. B (Bellevue), Dan Fergusson (Green River), Becky Riopel (Cascadia), Livia Millard (Yakima Valley, Omak), Nadine Stecklein (Walla Walla), Edward Esparza (SBCTC), Ricardo Leyva-Puebla (Seattle Central), Cameron Cox (Pierce), Richele Blair (Everett), Jennifer Rhodes (Everett), Paz Clearwater (Lower Columbia), Chris Eder (Bellingham Tech), Wayne Anthony (Edmonds), Sheila Walton (Lake Washington Tech), Cal Erwin-Svoboda (Clover Park), Story Gilmore (Clover Park), Thomas Bui (Highline), Robert Lane (SPSCC), Juliette Kern (Bates), Richard Arquette (Grays Harbor), Heather McKenzie Waite (SFCC).

- **State Board Representative:** Edward Esparza

### 1. Amendments to the agenda

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- i. None.
- ii. Sheila moved, Becky seconded = Approved.

### 2. Approval of minutes from Spring 2019 meeting

- a. Corrections? None.
- b. Moved to approve = Heather moved, Richard seconded = Approved.

### 3. Reports

#### a. Committees

##### **Leadership Conference:**

Planning committee was engaged and in communication throughout the entire year and instrumental in the success of the conference. 470 registered for the conference and still working to calculate the actual number of attendees in attendance. CBC staff get a big shout out for their support and continual work. There was a considerable savings this year for the ADA accommodation cost was not required this year. Shannon Catchem was incredible with the captioning and all accommodation requests. Table activities were well received and helped to decrease noise keynote speakers have had to compete with in the past. Meals are always a concern and the committee made a concentrated effort to expand the options and considerations for food accommodation needs. Strong recommendation to revisit the registration deadlines and adjust or shift them to align with deadlines for menu selections. Additionally, there is a strong encouragement to revisit the activities offered at the fall fest for

considering age and access needs. Reevaluation of the wellness activity and timing is strongly encouraged. In terms of budget, the largest cost for the facility was the need for additional tech and AV support for and additional session and further budget considerations are encouraged.

Student Evaluations: very limited response with concerns about the anonymity

Richard on 2020 Conference:

Committee involvement is needed. There will be monthly calls. Connect for involvement.

There was a discussion over schedule of Conference and considerations for future conference.

**Moving forward: Bruce volunteered** to be involved in whatever way was needed.

Cal Erwin-Svoboda: History and Data of the conference over the past seven years presented to the Executive Board via Excel Spreadsheet. More to come in conversation as time and date becomes identified.

**Legislative Committee:**

Sub-committee for Leg. Activities met in the summer quarter at Clover Park Technical College to regroup and outline the year ahead in light of new changes to the cycle and process CUSP takes for student engagement and legislative. Looking forward to the flattened hierarchy of the leadership of WACTCSA. Webinars are continuing and speakers are coordinated for the remainder of fall quarter and listed in the Legislative Highlights handout that will be available on the website and emailed to the listserv. Canvas will be utilized for a main source of resources and content moving forward (Look for more information as it is available).

**b. State Board:** Edward Esparza

i. State Board Report was emailed out to the listserv and summarized with the following highlights:

1. Student interns selected Matthew Rounsley and Deanna George.
2. Erin Frasier works with generational poverty and is very excited to begin work with WACTCSA
3. HB1355 and study around ratio of counselors to students

**c. WSSSC Report:** Dr. B from Bellevue

1. Introduction of herself and history with intro of new WSSC Rep to CUSP
2. Summary of WSSC report emailed out to Listserv with emphasis on “hecklers veto” for freedom of speech protocols
3. PowerPoint to be sent to CUSP Listserv to increase awareness and conversations around freedom of speech

**d. Treasurer report:** Jen Rhodes

i. budget was printed and passed around the room. Email to listserv to follow

**e. Secretary report:** Story Gilmore

- i. no report to give on minutes and agendas
- ii. Introduction of the CUSP Conversations, “Mondays done right” with email summary, topic projections, and context to follow for the larger membership to add to the conversation.

**f. President Report:** Brian Murphy

- i. Summer Retreat topics and participation. Covered the general topics of the council's Executive Board meeting and proposal for the outlined two-year work plan (to be emailed to the Listserv).
- ii. Pillars discussion; no reflection of changes, reminder of the Pillars that direct the work of the council as adopted by the council years ago.
- iii. Professional development plan and topics were discussed but not decided and the Monday's Done Right was born out of this conversation.

**4. New Business**

**a. Pillars**

- i. Introduction and reminder covered in the President's Report

**b. Big Survey**

**c. Mondays Done Right:** See Secretary Report.

**d. Mission and Vision Statements**

- i. First reading of the vision and mission statements developed at the summer Exec Staff Retreat to be emailed out to the membership and voted on at the Winter CUSP Meeting.

**e. Executive Board Budget**

- i. Propose the idea for a budget that would be used to cover the cost of doing CUSP business without the requirement of individual institutions covering the cost. There will be more conversation through the listserv and at the winter meeting.