

Council of Unions and Student Programs

Business Meeting Agenda – Fall 2020

Friday, October 23

Topic: CUSP Fall Business Meeting

Time: Friday October 23 09:00 AM Pacific Time

Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 817 6443 1970

8:30 am Bring Your Own Breakfast and Coffee

8:45 am (Zoom) Socialization

9:00 am Business Meeting

CUSP Membership confirmed in attendance: Leah Eberle (Skagit), Brian Murphy (Skagit), Heidi Farani (Whatcom), Carrie Moore (Bellevue), Becky Riopel (Cascadia), Cameron Cox (Pierce), Richele Blair (Everett), Jennifer Rhodes (Everett), Chris Eder (Bellingham Tech), Sheila Walton (Lake Washington Tech), Story Gilmore (Clover Park), Robert Lane (SPSCC), Richard Arquette (Grays Harbor), Heather McKenzie Waite (SFCC), Walter Lutsch (Pierce Ft. Steilacoom), Vince Ruzicka (Whatcom Community College), Shelley Bannish (Centralia), Kunbi Ajiboye (Whatcom), Alice Schlegel (Columbia Basin), Sarah Gruhler & Sami Lelo (Clark College), Thomas Bui (Highline), Laura Yolo (YVC), Rick Flores (Skagit), Jessica Wallack (CPTC), Michelle Iko (RTC), Dan Fergusson (Green River)

- I. Amendments to the agenda and approval
- II. Approval of minutes from Spring Quarter 2020 meeting
- III. Reports
 - A. State Board Report – Ha Nguyen
Link to [Fall 2020 State Board Report](#)
 - B. WSSSC Report – Dr. B
 - C. Introductions
 - D. Officer Reports and Discussion
 1. Treasurer – Jenn Rhodes-EVCC
[CUSP 20-21 Treasurer Spreadsheet](#)
 2. Secretary – Richele Blair - EVCC
 3. President – Vince Ruzicka-WWCC
 - E. Committee Reports and Discussion
 1. **Legislative Committee – Sheila Walton-LWTC/Cal Erwin-Svoboda-CPTC**
The CUSP Legislative Committee is launching the legislative training and community portal on Canvas. The committee worked throughout summer to develop this new and re-imagined civic engagement initiative, to

embrace a virtual, remote-based learning environment. Students and advisors are all invited to [enroll in the Canvas course](#).

2. **Student Leadership Conference - Dan Ferguson**

Introduction of creating a SLC Conference Task Force to focus on the purpose and mission of the SLC. This task force will be utilizing surveys to students/staff to garner feedback to help envision the future of SLC. The SLC TF will help to envision/define the “why” and then produce a conference that fulfills that why, knowing there are different “why’s” for folks across the state. Intentional reach out to schools that don’t historically attend.

Open Comments:

- Wasn’t able to attend as a student. First opportunity would have been this year. Intrigued, excited, heard great things from students & staff.
- Students enjoy the travel aspect. Prefers the west side for that. Also the opportunity to see that they are a part of something larger. Shared connection is hard to achieve in a virtual environment.
- Biggest takeaway students have is a van ride. Rare opportunity for them to meet other CC students in similar programs but it becomes harder to justify when the students biggest takeaway is the van ride. Also, the challenge of who to bring. Ex: Graphic design students have one session dedicated to them. It’s ok to not be everything to everybody. Would like to see us do one thing well.
- Our job as advisors is to help them understand how this conference fits into their professional/personal development. Leadership skills are needed for all of them.
- Knowing the content early can be helpful so topics aren’t discussed ahead of time.
- The bonding is so important to a cohesive team.
- We have to meet the students where they are at. Providing foundational support skills for learning what leadership is and how it comes to life in your daily experience in small meaningful ways that lead to big ways. Virtually, we have been having very basic conversations such as “what does it mean to hold space?” and basic conversations around inclusivity and language.
- Little things matter. Van rides, group settings mean something to the students. Remembering and acknowledging those experiences, and possibly trying to create them is going to be important for the student experience. [Lollipop leadership!](#)
- COVID has given us an opportunity to examine the future of the conference for when we are providing an in-person conference.
- Providing foundational leadership concepts for our students.
- Task force formed – open to all. Come for one meeting, come for all. Come for the parts that appeal to you.

IV. Action Item

A. CUSP Executive Board Elections

1. Positions up for election?

President-Elect (2021-2022)

- Story Gilmore vacating position
- President-Elect: Heidi Farani elected by vote

Heidi Farani vacating position of Member-at-Large

Member-at-Large: Richard Arquette by vote

Announcement: Esports Webinar coming up in partnership with NWAC and NJCAA. CUSP is invited!

Winter Meeting: February 11th and 12th 2021 on Zoom