**WSSSC Report: ACC Winter 2017 Meeting**

Advising and Counseling Council

January 19 – 20, Cascadia College

For winter, ACC and CESC held a joint meeting. There was very good attendance and robust conversation between two councils. All day Thursday was spent engaging in a facilitated discussion by Lisa Garcia Hanson on Guided Pathways and the myriad elements of implementation and practice, through a career exploration and advising lens. Many echoed desire for clarity and advocacy for needs as professional advising and career staff are being asked to do this work in the way it needs to be done – in order for it to be meaningful, have impact, etc.

There was much discussion on the need for deeper career exploration at the front end of student on-boarding, but the how and when remains a challenge. Most campuses have one, if any, career staff. How then do we incorporate those elements through the admissions and entry advising experiences? How does that happen in a meaningful way vs. transactional way? Lots of conversation regarding resources of people, time, space.

On Friday, the councils held separate meetings. For professional development, ACC did a de-escalation training and held its business meeting.