



Fall 2017

TO: Student Services Commission and Councils  
FROM: Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, Student Services  
RE: 2017 Fall State Board Report

### **New Executive Director | SBCTC**



Jan Yoshiwara started as executive director of the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges in July 2017. Yoshiwara, who has been with the State Board since 1984, previously served as deputy executive director for education. In that role, she helped set policy and strategic planning for Washington's community and technical college system, oversaw the State Board's education division, and worked with higher education stakeholders to advance education goals and policies. She continues to uphold and advance these relationships as executive director. Yoshiwara earned a Bachelor of Science in zoology from the University of California, Davis and Master of Education in student personnel administration for higher education from Western Washington University.

### **Legislative News**

The next legislative session is right around the corner and senators and representatives are already reaching out to solidify potential bills. Here is an update on current legislative work and what is on the horizon.

#### **5100 - CTCs in collaboration with WSAC must take "reasonable steps to ensure" financial literacy seminars to incoming students by 2017-18**

\$180,000 was allocated and disbursed based on FTE to implement these requirements. While some campuses have already developed and executed a curriculum of financial literacy, others are still exploring options that meet this requirement and best support their students i.e. vendors like ECMC, SALT, and others. SBCTC issued guidance via the WSSSC and FAC list serves. Conversations with WSAC on updating Ready Set Grad continue.

#### **5022 - WA Student Loan Transparency Act: CTCs must provide loan info each time a new financial aid package is provided, including amount owed, estimated payments, etc.**

SBCTC received a \$100,000 allocation to create an applicable template for campuses to use. We have received these funds and plan to have a viable template by July 2018 as is required for both Legacy and PeopleSoft.

#### **2037 - Re-authorizes the Disability Transfer Student Work Group; Work Group to develop a plan for reducing transfer obstacles by 12-31-17**

The workgroup has met several times in the last 3 months to develop an approved release of information template that CTC's and 4 years will accept and can choose to use on their campuses. The

Attorney General's Office was consulted and has approved of the concept and addressed concerns with HIPPA and FERPA. This work continues.

### **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals – DACA**

With the discontinuation of DACA by the federal government, Washington State agencies are working together to develop legislation that aims to mitigate the impact on our students. Bills are being developed that provide options through 1079 that may help many and discussions have begun regarding residency and current DACA students.

### **Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA) for Under-Represented Students in STEM Programs**

The 2017 Washington State Legislature appropriated funds to SBCTC to expand the MESA Community College Program (MCCP) by an additional six colleges, at \$125,000 per college per year. MESA – Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement – is a program designed to increase access and success for under-represented students in STEM programs in community colleges that lead to transfer and successful completion of a STEM bachelor's degree. Six of our system colleges – Columbia Basin College, Edmonds Community College, Highline College, Olympic College, Seattle Central College, and Yakima Valley College – currently operate MCCP programs.

After a competitive application process with thirteen applicant colleges, the following six colleges were selected, bringing the total number of MESA programs at our colleges to twelve:

Clark College	Spokane Falls Community College
Everett Community College	Tacoma Community College
Green River College	Wenatchee Valley College

Congratulations to the six new MESA colleges!

### **Washington College in the High School Review Process**

The College in the High School (CHS) Standards Report Review Committee has established processes for review of College in the High School programs offered in Washington. The Committee is comprised of representation from The Washington Student Achievement Council, The Council of Presidents, and The State Board. This summer we reviewed CHS programs from over 20 state public institutions spanning both CTCs and PBIs. We were excited to see that many institutions are providing quality and rigorous CHS programs, and thankful for the opportunity to provide feedback and guidance to foster alignment with NACEP standards, which is the model for each review.

### **Guided Pathways and Student Success Center**

The RFA for College Spark Washington's second cohort of five colleges has been released with applications due by Oct. 30, 2017. The RFA, as well as application information, can be found on the grants website <https://www.sbctc.edu/colleges-staff/grants/guided-pathways-rfa.aspx> as well as the Student Success Center and College Spark Washington websites.

Upcoming statewide events related to Guided Pathways include the Dana Center Math Pathways workshops on October 24 (Spokane) and 26 (Seattle), a Technology for Guided Pathways Conference in March, 2018, as well as College Spark Cohort Retreats for both Cohort 1 and 2 in January and July of

2018. The agency is continuing to move forward on strategic and policy changes to support the system colleges in their guided pathways efforts.

Student Success Center website: <http://www.sbctc.edu/colleges-staff/programs-services/student-success-center/>

### **SBCTC Student Legislative Internship Program**

The Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) is now accepting applications for participation in its 2018 Legislative program. This program provides opportunity for students to learn about the legislative process, gain professional work experience, and earn college credit towards a certificate or degree.

Based at the State Capitol in Olympia, interns will be responsible for tracking legislative proposals, advocating for two-year college student priorities, and interacting with elected officials. Work includes attending and participating in legislative committee hearings, monitoring floor action, and ensuring that students from the Washington Community and Technical College Student Association (WACTCSA) are represented and informed throughout the legislative session.

The internship will commence at the beginning of January and last through the end of the regular legislative session OR end of the 2017 Winter Academic Quarter. It is important to note that the SBCTC Internship Program primary focus is an academic program for credit via the student's enrollment with their respective college. Students are required to be enrolled for winter quarter 2018. Student are also required to have a faculty sponsor to participate within the program. The faculty sponsor may also be the instructor of record for the program. Applications are due by October 27, 2017.

### **Student Engagement Network (SEN)**

The SBCTC will partner with the College Success Foundation (CSF), Council of Presidents,(COP) Independent Colleges of Washington (ICW) and the Washington Student Association in the development a grant from the Gates Foundation. The grant, Student Engagement Network (SEN) purpose is to bring together well-informed self-sustaining group of student from public and private four and 2 year college campuses to impact funding for higher education in Washington, increase educational attainment and advance equity. The grant will work to see that student leaders will receive guidance about higher education issues, the legislative process and the best practices in building coalitions of diverse students on campus. This group has developed and extensive agenda, many are events similar to what CUSP has long practiced, i.e. legislative day in Olympia, (2) educational (Legislative) symposiums for students etc. Kickoff symposium for the SEN will be December 2017.

### **Upcoming Conferences and Events**

#### **WSAC – Pave the Way**

- October 19, 2017, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA

#### **Faculty and Staff of Color Conference**

- November 3-4, 2017 Hilton Hotel, Vancouver, WA

#### **Council of Union and Student Programs, Student Legislative Academy**

- November 17– 18, 2017 South Puget Sound College, Olympia WA