

MSSDC Report to WSSSC Spring 2018

Spring 2018 meeting scheduled for May 23-25, 2018 at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake, WA

Students of Color Conference Update

The 28th Annual Student of Color Conference continues to have a transformative impact on our students of color and their intersecting identities. The theme this year was “Radical Love: Activism Ignited!” We had 786 students and 137 advisors for a total of 923 participants. We continue to have an increase in cost. For example the meals, by contract, will increase 4 percent every other year. Moving forward we are increasing the registration fees for all participants. The 29th Annual Students of Color Conference is scheduled for April 18-20, 2019. During the MSSDC summer retreat, we will begin planning for the 2019 conference.

Queer I Am Update

The Queer I Am conference will be October 26-27, 2018 at South Puget Sound Community College. We will continue to include QIA planning during our MSSDC quarterly meetings, with the bulk of the planning during the MSSDC summer retreat. There are some individuals on the planning committee that are not MSSDC representatives; therefore, we are asking for institutional support by their respective colleges to attend the planning meetings. This is crucial to ensure a well-planned and the coordination of the conference. The planning committee is comprised of the following individuals that would need travel support:

Jamie Ardeña- Shoreline Community College
Mical DeGraff- Renton Technical College
Quinton Neal- South Puget Sound Community College
Jesse Pestana- South Puget Sound Community College
Ben Lealofi- Green River College
Tito Ellis- Spokane Community College
Liz DeVilleneuve- Yakima Valley College

DREAMers State-wide Regional Trainings

MSSDC is facilitating three identical sessions across the state focused on increasing institutional responsiveness to the needs of undocumented students/DREAMers. Topics covered include, but are not limited to, barriers to academic success and retention of undocumented students/DREAMers, best practices for supporting them, applicable state and federal laws/initiatives, and action planning for institutional change. This is open to all colleges. There will be a cost per attendee (\$50) to cover lunch and handouts. Please encourage your employees to attend

- June 1, 2018, 8:30am to 3:30pm at Lake Washington Institute of Technology
- June 8, 2018, 8:30am to 3:30pm at Yakima Valley College
- June 8, 2018, 9am to 4pm at Tacoma Community College
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Bias Based Incident Reporting Teams

We are partnering with the state wide task force that is creating recommendations for policies, professional development and implementation on all campuses. MSSDC continues the work on professional development regarding BIRT. We will have professional development for our council members at our next meeting on “Identifying and Responding to Bias.” Please connect with your MSSDC representative for more information. At our next meeting, we will also offer professional development around Free Speech on Campus. This will be facilitated by Bruce Marvin, Assistant Attorney General of Washington.

2018-2019 Meeting Dates and Locations:

SPRING: May 23-25, 2018 Big Bend CC

SUMMER: August 21-23, 2018 Skamania Lodge

QIA: October 26-27, 2018 at South Puget Sound CC

SOCC: April 18-20, 2019 at Yakima Convention Center in Yakima, WA