**WSSSC Call Notes, April 30, 2020**

Carli Schiffner Update: Ongoing discussions with Governor Inslee’s office. The CARES Act provided discretionary funds to governors, $53M for Washington State. Governor Inslee says the priorities are K-12 and higher education. We were asked for recommendations. Some of them were tuition backfill, summer Running Start (not the pilot), immediate relief this summer, funds to reopen prof/tech programs, and economic recovery funds to serve displaced workers. K-12 is advocating for childcare support, among other priorities. A press conference is scheduled on Friday to describe re-opening in phases. It is likely the Stay Home EO will stay in place past May 4. We are lobbying to be in the first phase of re-opening, aligned with essential industries/sectors. Safety considerations are key, for example PPE and social distancing. Ruby asked if technology infrastructure had been discussed. Carli asked for input on how we can support educational technology, we are at a crossroads and could use some visioning input. Regarding the budget/economic forecast, we will get a preview soon that will give us an early look at our share of the reductions. Carli stated that high school seniors participating in Running Start can take summer classes to finish graduation requirements, at high school expense. Matt asked about how to document summer Running Start. We will ask Jamie Traugott at SBCTC to look into it. Bill stressed that messaging from OSPI and SBCTC to the high schools is important.

Spring term enrollment. Robert asked for anecdotal reports. SPSCC is up 2%. Refer to the Chat log for other college enrollment trends. Overall trends are prof/tech down, rural down. Residency questions are coming up for out of state students staying home and doing online coursework. Could some rules be relaxed around residency?

Weekly meetings. Thursdays 8 AM – 9 AM through June. Joe will ask Nanette to schedule them.

Spring meeting. Now looking at May 28-29. Possible agenda topics: reshaping higher education, Guided Pathways momentum, equity issues in time of crisis, council structure and support, officer selection. Open to creative approach to agenda-setting, balance “business” with pandemic response needs. Based on the number of agenda items, we can decide if one or two half-days will be needed. Summer meeting is still planned for July 7-9.

Slate of Officers for 2020-2021. Matt Campbell asked for nominating committee members. Ruby Hayden and Bill Belden volunteered. Sue Orchard will move up to President, Jess Gilmore-English will move to Past President. Other positions are subject to nomination.

Legislative Update. Joe Holliday provided an update. The HB 2513 Workgroup will have four VPSS reps: Ruby Hayden, Robert Cox, Chio Flores, and Steve Ashpole. Joe re-sent the final 2020 Bill Watch to the WSSSC list prior to the call. Most bills take effect in June, 2020.

Open Discussion. TCC has “no meeting Fridays.” Aaron commented on Zoom fatigue, and the importance of helping staff avoid burnout. Several colleges have wellness activities on Fridays. LWIT has been gathering and sharing photo collages featuring staff childhood pictures and family pictures. Skagit Valley has been sending notes through the mail to staff.