**WSSSC Call 5.7.2020**

Carli Schiffner Update: opening up some prof-tech programs, questions about what’s next. Different stages over next two weeks due to varying PPE readiness. Nest phase will be additional programs and services, no definitive word from Governor.

Still waiting for clarity on how Governor will use $53M state discretionary funds to respond to COVID-19 pandemic. We are asking for an allocation to fund summer Running Start. OSPI is interested but can’t ask school districts to pay for it.

State Board Meeting: The State Board approved 2.5% tuition increase, but holding off on operating budget decisions.

Grays Harbor College is in a county that could apply to re-open earlier, phase 2. Still predominantly online but some on campus classes and services would be allowed.

Joe reported on the status of ctcLink accessibility . PeopleTools 8.57 should remove most accessibility issues, testing is going on now through the end of May. Level Access is doing the testing. Remaining gaps in accessibility will be elevated to Oracle for resolution. SBCTC CIO Grant Rodeheaver will provide an update on Friday.

Direct Admissions Initiative: Chio Flores provided an update. A letter to graduating high school seniors will be included in materials being sent statewide, co-signed by Jan Yoshiwara and Chris Reykdal. It will include, financial aid application info. Had also hoped to work more closely with high school partners, but ran out of time. Workgroup will reconvene workgroup and pick up in fall. Joe Holliday added that WSAC can share College Bound Scholarship recipient contact info for colleges that don’t have data sharing agreements with school districts.

Robert Cos asked about FAFSA trends. Joe shared WSAC reporting that FAFSA and WASFA renewal apps are down compared to last year. Students aren’t engaging, they are used to having people to help them. Christina suggests delaying priority date for FA apps, might be helpful. Late push is needed. Centralia is having virtual open forums for students. SVC has moved info events online, registration is much higher than in-person was previously. RTC outreach office is doing virtual tours. SVC Cares team reports less activity, concerned about emotional impact of pandemic. Edmonds is doing telehealth counseling and features videos.

CARES Act funds. WVC has approximately 900 applications, talking about assessing data. Some students applying for emergency aid are not completing FAFSA/WASFA. Changes in Washington College Grant (now an entitlement) should be marketed. Carli says we are examining a new requirement to report on how colleges are using CARES Act funds, including placing info on web sites. Edmonds has over 1,000 apps, with a second list of 900.

Title IX Rules. Joe has reported that AG office will provide guidance. Robert thinks training will be needed, May need to spin off a group to manage it. Conduct Codes are separate from Title IX, but must work “together”. Don’t rush, wait for guidance. Joe will get timeline from Bruce Marvin.

Budget cuts. How are colleges approaching it? COLAS, position vacancies, collective bargaining, retirements are in play. 3-22% is range of cuts discussed. (Chat log has additional info). Jess commented that during last recession, student services were the first to be cut, and still haven’t recovered. Unwise to look there first this time.

Spring meeting May 28-29, hold the dates while we build the agenda. AMs only.

Joe was asked to provide an update on the Online Application for Admission (OAA). A vendor was selected in a sole source contract to develop a bolt on OAA for use in the PeopleSoft environment. Ruby asked if concerns about the cost to colleges were resolved. Joe said he thought so but would check on the WACTC approval process that was used.

Joe provided a brief Everfi update, summarizing from an email that was sent to the WSSSC list this week.