**WSSSC Call Notes 5.14.2020**

**Updates from Carli and Joe (SBCTC):** A joint letter from Jan Yoshiwara and OSPI Superintendent Chris Reykdal will be included in packets being sent to all graduating high school seniors, promoting community college attendance in the fall. The Direct Admissions Initiative group will pick up again in the fall, but in the interim Nicole Faber (LCC) and Kristi Wellington Baker (SBCTC) are convening a group of outreach coordinators. We are expecting more clarity on phase 2 of re-opening from the Governor, which programs will be included. Summer Running Start is still a possibility, funding is the sticking point. We asked the Governor to allocate discretionary CARES funds to it. Bill Belden asked which students this would apply to. Rising juniors as well as rising and completing seniors.

Joe gave updates on an anticipated motion for preliminary injunction the state AG’s office is working on, joining California in challenging the exclusion of some students from CARES Act student aid eligibility. WSSSC is reminded to go to the link provided by Everfi to register staff members for webinars launching new platform.

Glen Cosby asked what do the different phases of the Governor’s recovery plan mean for student services? Joe, Carli and Nate will huddle on this. Expecting many new students due to economic displacement. Many are high need students who will benefit from face-to-face interaction. Leslie shared that YVC is gearing up to use thermometers and PPE.

**NWAC Fall Sports**: Claire Peinado asked if there is any interest in WSSSC level recommendations? Bill said we need to decide soon if we are cancelling fall sports. Dave Pelkey said SPSCC is staying online for fall, shares concerns, agrees we need to decide soon. Patrick Brown said NWAC has pushed back its decision date to a later date, which is problematic. Jack Huls agreed we need to decide, suggested we let NWAC know it needs to decide by June 1, its original decision date. Robert Cox said there three options, normal, delayed, or pushed to spring. Letters of intent and grant commitments are an issue. Robert will convey this at the NWAC meeting today. Claire added that lack of conditioning time argues against options 1 and 2. Robert said that option 3 has scheduling obstacles/conflict with spring sports.

**Guided Pathways Amidst Budget Cuts**: Guided Pathways progress has been made but funding likely will be reduced. Kristi said we are actively pursuing philanthropic support, meeting with two foundations next week. She suggested that colleges can make decisions about priorities, for example focusing on onboarding of students and math. Matt Campbell and Deb Gilchrist (see Chat Log) indicated Pierce College is committed to this, reiterating that guided pathways IS our mission, and that data will continue to drive their priorities. Student services is always targeted for cuts, but can’t be the only target. Data, again. Dave added that advising, onboarding have a stronger business case now than ever. Can colleges doing well with onboarding help those who need help? Jack added that integration of GP with strategic enrollment management is critical. Claire said career development was decimated in 2008-2009 recession, how can we make progress in the current budget environment? Through advising innovation, for example?

**Deployment Group 3b College Check-in:**

Cascadia: going well so far, finance is the heavier lift

Pierce: echoed Cascadia, slow and steady, guardedly optimistic

Peninsula: the same, finance is problematic