**WSSSC Call Notes, 5.21.2020**

Joe provided an SBCTC update:

* Governor Inslee requested 15% budget reduction exercises (impacts of cuts on students and programs) by June 1
* State agency hiring freeze with some exceptions for public safety, health , COVID response)
* Direct Admissions Initiative group finished its work for now, will resume in fall however an outreach coordinators group will continue; a joint letter from Jan Yoshiwara and Superintenent Reykdahl is going out shortly, inviting graduating HS seniors to enroll at our colleges in fall
* Washington AG Ferguson filed a lawsuit against the US Department of Education, joining California in filing a motion for preliminary injunction; lawsuit claims ED guidance on CARES Act aid to students was in violation of the law
* WCHSCR will be converting fall HS counselor conferences to a virtual format; details forthcoming
* Joe will send out a Google Doc asking VPs to assign someone to monitor an email account for justice-involved re-entry students, [re-entry@collegename.edu](mailto:re-entry@collegename.edu)
* Joe will check with AG office for an update on Title IX guidance/training

Discussion of CARES Act aid to students, comparing notes on how applications were worded and whether FAFSA submission was required or not. (See Chat Log for more on this topic.)

Summer enrollment discussion. Estimates range from 15% to 63% decrease, but too soon to tell. (See Chat Log for more on this topic.)

Phase 1 Prof-Tech re-opening. Going well for the most part, social distancing, fewer students allowed in labs at one time.

Spring WSSSC meeting. Keep two-day format (AM only), May 28-29. Agenda topics will include officer slate, conference, Council liaisons report (with emphasis on Council issues).

Joe was asked to check again on when student services in general could return physically to campuses. He is checking with Carli Schiffner.

Discussion of online tutoring challenges at colleges, and compared notes on how food pantries are operating on a drive-in basis. Some by appointment, some on specific days.

A college in Virginia is reported to be using CARES Act funds to fund dual enrollment, something to watch.

A heads up that faculty are negotiating for a share of the institutional CARES Act funds at several colleges.