**WSSSC Call Notes 6.4.2020**

SBCTC Update from Carli and Joe.

Discussions with OSPI continue on how to fund summer Running Start. We acknowledge it may be too late. Robert Cox suggested reaching out to HS counselors. Carli agreed it could not hurt.

Several options for re-opening K-12 are being discussed, including hybrid approaches. We will know more in 2 weeks. Dual credit is not being focused on yet.

Governor Inslee’s reopening phases are by county. Many are in phase 2. A map showing phases was distributed to the WSSSC list last week. Kristi put the URL in today’s chat. Safety protocols for phases 1 and 2 were merged. Arts not included, activities must be connected to a workforce pathway. Centralia may be ready for phase 3, Carli will seek guidance on how to prepare for that. Student services re-opening is still in phase 3. Athletics guidelines are coming soon from NWAC, per Robert. Social distancing is a FERPA challenge if more than two people are in a room. Would assessment for course placement be an allowable phase 2 activity if 5 people or fewer? No, it will be phase 3. Protocols for student contact tracing? LWIT and Cascadia are taking the lead on this. Discussion of communication with local health department offices, for example identifying the college’s COVID-19 coordinator, coordination of contact tracing.

The WACTC Equity Committee is producing two statements for business meeting adoption, to address the violence and make an anti-racist statement. A WSSSC or ACC (or other Council) statement could follow that.

Joe provided two CARES Act updates. The first was a reference to new guidance from SBCTC yesterday specifying the student groups that could now be considered eligible for CARES Act aid, based on the Education Department’s clarification of its guidance last week. Joe was asked to consult Dave Stolier for an AG opinion. The second update was on the institutional portion of CARES Act funds: NACUBO has released accounting principles to guide colleges in the use of those funds.

WACTC Tech Committee. Bill Belden is attending the meeting today but asks that a new WSSSC liaison be appointed beginning with fall WACTC meetings. Interested VPs should contact Bill or Sue Orchard.

Joe provided a Title IX update and promised to send an email specifying dates/times of webinars and to-do items. Please hold Wednesday, June 17, 10:00 – 12:00 and June 24, 1:00 – 3:00 for now. The first webinar will be an overview and the second one will dive deeper into revised model conduct/grievance processes.

College check-ins. Discussion of grading leniency. TCC is using U instead of failing grades, so as to not impact GPAs. Edmonds had a virtual safe space convening, students appreciated it. SPSCC is similar to Edmonds. SVC’s focus is on anti racist actions and skill-building. Agreement to share statements and messaging with each other, share via WSSSC Canvas shell. Dave Pelkey will create a folder in the Canvas WSSSC shell and will send out instructions for new WSSSC members to access it. The chat log provides other college updates.