WSSSC Meeting Notes 8.6.2020

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Joe Holliday (SBCTC) provided an update on several items:

* The Governor’s Office issued new guidance on K-12 school re-openings. A “Community Spread Framework” described as a decision tree framework will be released today, with re-opening guidance tied to level of risk. This is guidance, not a mandate at present. Just addresses K-12.
* DSSC leadership met with SBCTC CIO Grant Rodeheaver and Sandy Main to discuss ctcLink accessibility issues; Joe and Chio Flores participated. Joe characterized the meeting as one in which DSSC felt their concerns were heard, but what is needed are actions. A more thorough report will come from DSSC President Megan Jasurda.
* No news on the Title IX lawsuit, although we are expecting the judge’s ruling this week. In preparation, the states bringing suit are planning additional challenges, however an adverse decision this week will mean that adherence to the August 14 implementation date is necessary, regardless of additional challenges.
* The new Online Admission Application is moving along. The go live date has been pushed to November, to allow final design elements to be in place and adequate user testing can occur.
* Joe, Sue, and Matt reported on the Counselor Taskforce. Recommended minimum standards for counselors will be discussed at the August 13 Taskforce meeting. A survey of colleges is in development. The Taskforce is required to make recommendations about minimum standards for counselors, dissemination of best practices, and student to counselor ratios.

A discussion of Title IX rules implementation and training ensued. A committee consisting of Robert Cox, Dave Pelkey, Jack Huls, Jennifer Alt, and Michele Waltz was formed. Robert is meeting with AAG Dave Stolier today to discuss short- and long-term strategies that will reduce legal exposure. Systemwide collaboration on training, investigation, hearing officers, etc. is a longer term solution. Coordination with HR Directors (HRMC) is desired. [Note: SBCTC HR Director Julie Huss informed Joe after the meeting that she would be in the meeting with Dave Stolier today.]

Brendon Taga raised an issue about PPE and the lack of clarity about what type of mask composition is acceptable during re-opening and social distancing. N95 or fabric masks? Olympic will not be using fabric masks. Brief discussion of disability accommodations vis-à-vis masks: some students with disabilities should be provided masks as an accommodation, while others may not be able to wear a mask and must be accommodated accordingly.