WSSSC Meeting: June 3,3021

Meeting re: Washington Legislation

* Arlen Harris, Legislative Director at the SBCTC and
* Dave Paul, Representative for 10th District (former VP for Student Services at Skagit Valley)
* Spoke about the increase in funding for the system
* More legislators who have experience working at our colleges who can speak with knowledge of our system.
* As we re-open:
  + Suggestion to invite your legislators for campus tours, meetings with students
  + Share student outcomes and student success and how the funding has helped students
* <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1176&Year=2021&Initiative=false>
* HB1176 – DEI training for higher education; passed without a lot of opposition
* College in the HS – bill for College in the HS and Running Start – particularly for students who are on free/reduced lunch. Sen. Patty Murray is talking with the FDA about loosening up restrictions on food availability for these students if they are going to college
* Hearing about dual credit as a focus for the next legislative session
* Capital gains funds will be funding higher ed. College in the HS, Running Start are also fundamental to our K-12 system. Colleges to cover costs of books and fees was the proposal in the past.
* Expand mental health counseling services for 6 pilot colleges who will then report on results. Sue Orchard, Matt Campbell, and Joe Holliday played a role on the task force to provide the report on mental health counseling for our system.
* <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1166&Initiative=false&Year=2021>
* HB 1166 expands services to students experiencing homelessness…an announcement from the SBCTC will be coming soon regarding grants being available.

Vaccinations:

Centralia and Wenatchee Valley are requiring vaccinations for housing.

Some colleges are offering pop up vaccine sites and other potential incentives (Mariners tickets, smoothies, etc.) The Governor will be giving an update on Washington State vaccines this afternoon.

# Last meeting for Spring June 17th

# Grant Rodeheaver, Deputy Executive Director / CIO at Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges will be joining us

Monthly meetings over the summer.