



Washington State Student Services Commission & Councils *COUNCIL & LIAISON QUARTERLY REPORT*

Council/WSSSC (please select from list)

WSSSC ACC ARC CESC CUSP CWPC
 DSSC FAC MSSDC Other: _____

Meeting Date & Quarter *Date(s) of Meeting: May 8-10, 2024*

Quarter/Year:

Fall Winter Spring Summer Other: _____
 2017 2018 2019 2020

Primary Focus Areas & Hot Topics

Bulleted list or brief description of top focus areas and scope of impact

- The Students of Color Conference was successful this year, and MSSDC recognized the impact of continuing to expand these efforts to meet the needs of historically marginalized students across the SBCTC system.
- Conversation regarding liaisons' expectations when engaging with MSSDC-There are two commission liaisons (WSSSC and DEOC) and a SBCTC liaison. MSSDC appreciates the engagement from all liaisons but wants clarity of the purpose each serves in elevating the work that MSSDC does. MSSDC wants clarity around which liaison is responsible for doing what, especially as it pertains to taking information back to other councils and commissions.

- The SBCTC liaison explained the responsibility is to elevate the MSSDC workplan, and to address concerns/needs to WSSSC. Also, the SBCTC liaison is to share legislative updates, annual donations for SOCC, and provide support especially when there is continuous turnover in MSSDC membership.
- The DEOC liaison shared that the responsibility is to support MSSDC by elevating the work and by standing with/for MSSDC when necessary. The DEOC liaison also shared that they have responsibility to get more people to MSSDC.
- The WSSSC liaison shared that the responsibility is combined between what the other two liaisons shared, as well as being the primary lead of shared information between MSSDC and WSSSC. The liaison also discussed how during current tenure in the role that there has been direct engagement towards helping to support planning, including funding and session support, for the Students of Color Conference.
- Final Thoughts on this topic: Clarity about the specific role and responsibility of SBCTC, WSSSC, and DEOC liaison is necessary.

DEOC and MSSDC are not the same. There is concern by both MSSDC and DEOC that what each body represents is not clear across the SBCTC system. Often, MSSDC and DEOC are mentioned in the same breath and without regard what the nature of work/responsibility within the system. They would like to have DEOC and MSSDC representatives at the table during key conversations at key council/committee meetings (ex. At WSSSC).



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Decisions and Recommendations

For any issues focusing on member voting, please include vote counts/results.

- In addition to providing support to offer the Students of Color Conference, MSSDC would appreciate help from WSSSC. Following are the recommendations:
 - Provide adequate and stable funding to support the Students of Color Conference
 - Support to get representatives from each college in the system to MSSDC quarterly meetings; make it a priority.
 - Ensure that colleges across the system identify and support representatives to bring students to the Students of Color Conference (SOCC). This year 30 out of the 34 colleges were in attendance. This would be easier if each college had full funding for travel.
 - Develop a strategy to provide mentor and professional development to MSSDC membership. Also provide support and funding, where applicable, for MSSDC to attend SOCC and civic engagement events.
 - Clarify with the system the difference between DEOC and MSSDC, and support efforts for collaboration between the two distinct bodies.
 - Engage MSSDC in conversations, and work related to Guided Pathways.

Questions or concerns to forward (please select from list)

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Description of question or concern. Please be specific and state any desired outcomes or suggestions if applicable.

Other information to share.



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Newly elected MSSDC Executive Board Members:

Acting President-Tanya Zaragoza-Rosas, Whatcom College

Vice President-Eduardo Torres, Edmonds College

Secretary-Savanna Vercruysse, Skagit Valley College

MSSDC Summer Retreat July 31-August 2

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Submitted to WSSSC (date): May 15, 2024