

College Council Agenda

March 3, 2021

ZOOM (remote)

Attendees: Larry Cushnie, Jane Harness, Ben Johnson, Pedro Reyes, Jaime Flajole, Marianna Asaturova, Thomas Green

Guests: Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap, Betsy Hasegawa

Secretary: Christa Zinke

Begin: 2:30pm

End: 4pm

1. REGULAR BUSINESS

- Updates
 - Faculty Council Recommendation for Counselor Hire – College Council statement of support
 - Jane: Faculty Council suggestion not to just replace the counselor who retired, but decrease the ratio of counselor to student so that it is consistent with other campuses. This recommendation was sent to Rosie. There was feedback that this might be a funding issue.
 - There seems to be confusing in how we divvy up responsibilities between counselors and advisors. Majority of referrals to counselors are for academic probation. They typically work with these students on their time management and prioritizing responsibilities. Students on probation are required to meet with counselors in order to enroll in classes. There was a hiccup this quarter where the list was not sent to counselors until 3 days before the quarter began.
 - Larry: Moving forward, we will reiterate our support for the faculty recommendation and make sure that we keep this conversation open.
 - President meeting (2/8) recap – plant amnesty program; Board of Trustees reduction asks; April decision about fall quarter
 - Coordinators right now are aiming to schedule hybrid type classes for Fall. This will be more easily adaptable to schedule based on new information (I.E. shifting back to online if need be or changing from online to in-person if we are able to reopen.)
 - Jaime: If we do have hybrid classes, this will mean that student services will need to change as well to have an on-campus presence.
 - Larry: We're seeing a lot of optimistic projections, but we need to be paying attention as the guidelines change etc.
 - Rosie: WAC group talked with Dept of Health and the Attorney General's office for higher education to talk about what the new normal may look like. CDC has not included vaccines as a pre-requisite for re-opening. Across the state, most colleges are not under the thought that Fall will be a magical re-opening. We will be discussing what more courses we might consider having on-campus. We would look at what programs or courses specifically are most harmed by the online environment or where the student success rate is lowest by the online environment. The survey responses seem like there are two distinct schools of thoughts – one saying that we need to continue in the current environment, the chances are too great and while it's hard we

need to make it work and the second is that the online environment is harming our students and we need to do whatever we can to go back to campus. This is consistent with other colleges' experiences as well. The District ERT meeting discussed how we need to be flexible and strategic in our approach. My approach is that we need to first look at student needs and what the modality that best serves the student needs to look like and then look at the faculty and what the faculty feel they need to best serve the student. The last thing we want is a mandate that all faculty need to be on-campus by Fall quarter when really this is an opportunity to expand our online and hybrid offerings.

- Thomas: Are we going to be required to be vaccinated before coming back to campus?
- Rosie: The recommendations that we are hearing is that this would be very difficult to enforce so it does not seem like something we would be doing right now. The DOH says that it doesn't depend on vaccination rates, it depends on community transmission rates. The assumption right now is that we will continue as is for Fall and then we will be working with faculty/admin to determine which classes should be prioritized to come back to campus and what that looks like. We plan to host a town hall about what a return to campus might look like, giving an opportunity to discuss issues and what solutions we might be able to implement. It will also be an opportunity for people to look at the assumptions that we are not going to be back to March 1, 2020 – there isn't going to be small group work in classrooms, the ways that the tutoring center is run will be different. The overarching metaphor that we need to think of is that this is a turning of the dial. It's not a flip of the switch to back to campus all at once. It might be coming back onto campus for a couple days a week to start and then increasing over time.
- SBR&FPTF (last meeting ever!) – current budget is out of balance (use of reserves); WA legislature discussions on funding (freeze COLAs, furloughs, general fund cuts 2-3%) all being discussed; some good news about federal assistance; District Council moves forward
 - Larry and North College Council president will be meeting with Central's CC to convince them of the need for a District Council.
- Legislative Advocacy Day (2/18) – students met with Senator Joe Nguyen

2. NEW BUSINESS

- District (Budget) Council Update – Moving forward, likely with 5 reps per campus; meeting with Seattle Central College Council on March 16th
 - Currently aiming for 5 reps from each of the three campuses. This would be faculty, staff, students, and at least one person from each College Council
- Budget Forum Reschedule – two during spring quarter (April 27th & June 7th)
- Priorities for spring quarter
 - Identify programs for return to in-person/hybrid and at what percentage (establish concerns from each of our constituent groups)
 - Budget priorities run through College Council
- Keep first Wednesdays for spring quarter
- Interest in serving as co-chair; reaching out for new reps from your constituents

3. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- Updates from Council members about the happenings within their constituent communities

4 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 3, 2021 (Done through online survey)

5 ACTION ITEMS

- Follow-up with President and VPI about agenda items

6 CONTINUING CONSIDERATIONS

- Establishing Council priorities for 2021
- Prayer spaces
- Unsheltered students support
- Duwamish partnership
- Public art project in coordination with art faculty

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- First Wednesday of each month (April, May, & June)