



FACTC Winter 2010 Meeting

Date: February 18 & 19, 2010

Location: Cascade Conference Room A,
State Board for Community and
Technical Colleges Building, Olympia

Minutes

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Participant representatives

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Jim Howe, Lake Washington
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Steve Byman, Lower Columbia
Tim Keely, Tacoma
George Neal, South Puget Sound
Karrie Zylstra, Bates Technical

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FACTC Focus Report: Mark Doerr

Mark is preparing for the next issue on Critical Thinking, will work on it over the summer. He would like all representatives to encourage faculty colleagues to write articles. Much support from campuses for last edition. Some discussion about the Forum on the web and/or sent out as a pdf. *(No Blog Report as Jennifer Wu could not attend this evening).*

IC “Facilities for the Future”: Phil Venditti

Phil spoke about how events in the recent past involving the Mission Study led to a FACTC resolution. On the positive side, IC sought a committee to review IT issues and asked FACTC to nominate a panelist. Randy accepted. Randy report on his participation is on tomorrow’s agenda.

FACTC and the Teaching and Learning Conference: Karrie Zylstra-Myton

Karrie and Diana are considering having a PowerPoint slideshow in background about faculty members who have won college awards across the state. Please notify your campuses that March 8 is cutoff for names to Karrie and Diana. Also, send along bios @75-100 words. Bill said some colleges may not have had money this year for awards (see handout, SBCTC Exceptional Faculty award sheet). Phil: This is the pilot year of hopefully many years of presenting these images at TLC reception. Gerald will invite Clark’s President to our spring meeting to speak and make arrangements for a meeting room.

FACTC Legislative Relationships; Current Legislative Activities

Amy Kinsel has been providing FACTC with observations on legislative activities that pertain to teaching and learning. Phil and Mark W. wondered if the membership would formalize this effort by creating a LEGISLATIVE OBSERVER position. Mike would like each of us to review the Legislative report from SBCTC. Noreen sends out the report each week, but Mike is not getting it – may be a spam filter problem. Bill:

people can set up RSS feed. Mike is concerned that we need to recognize that one person has one person's perception filter. Gerard thanks Noreen for her sending out information that he could send to colleagues at Clark. Jim sends links to colleagues to be able to see what is going on. Mike: we need to be informed to inform our colleagues, but to what point are we lobbying? Bill: SBCTC often needs instructors to testify before legislature when events are fluid and moving. Bill also has the Math, Biology, etc. groups who can testify on the fly. Phil: perhaps we could have a pre-made list of people willing to testify. Phil: What do we want this position to do? Gather data from Legislature and bring it to us? The position would tend to be active during the legislative session, not so active other times. Jim: could we create a committee to do this thing? Mike does not recall FACTC ever having committees.

End of evening session

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Amy Kinsel, Shoreline
Jennifer Wu, North Seattle
John Clary, Grays Harbor
Randy Nelson, South Seattle
Diane Pelletier, Green River
Walter Hudsick, Cascadia
Susan Hakoda, Bellevue
Brad Smith, Skagit Valley
Rob Vogel, Spokane
Diana Casey, Pierce
Tommy Kim, Highline

Elbow Bump: Everybody!

The members spent the first several minutes of the morning meeting and greeting with one another. No injuries were reported.

Secretary's Report: Mark Walker

The distributed hard-copies include two versions, the traditional and a columnar format suggested by Vice President Dodge. Typos were identified, corrected, and a motion was presented to accept the minutes. Minutes accepted. The approved minutes will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Randy Nelson

Randy distributed his report in hard copy. He stated that we are slightly in the hole and named the colleges that have yet to respond to his sent-out invoices. He discussed the accounts, said he has set a fiscal year of Feb-Feb, and generally noted that we have some set expenses, but their dates aren't always fixed. Dues are now set at \$150 per college.

Vice President's Report: Mike Dodge

Mike sent around a sign-up sheet and noted that Jennifer has updated the FACTC website.

President's Report: Phil Venditti

Global Outcomes: Students from Clover Park may attend the TLC. Phil is hoping to put together an impromptu speaking competition at Clover Park involving spontaneous speech on extraneous topics. Collaboration with other agencies: Today we will have several guests as part of our charge to represent faculty and cultivate relationships with other agencies. Dr. Earl will speak to us and has invited us to the next Board meeting at Peninsula. Phil has spoken with and affirmed support with Sandra Schroeder. He has contacted Wendy Rader-Konofalski of Washington Education Association. Tim Keely has been recognized by his college for years of service. Amy Kinsel is awarded the WATCH DOG for her service in

keeping us informed. Amy noted that the efficiencies bill 6359 implies that finding efficiencies among districts has been passed out of Senate and goes to House.

Mission Task Force: Mike Dodge

Mike noted that the recommendations were approved at the SBCTC December Meeting and that faculty involvement in the Mission Study did cause changes in the process toward fixing faculty concerns.

Facilities of the Future work group: Randy Nelson

(See Phil's remarks yesterday about the IC asking for FACTC input). The direction this group is taking is one toward flexibility in classroom design. Need for dedicated space for specific courses. Please send any ideas you may have about how classrooms should be configured in the next 10 years to Randy (rnelson@sccd.ctc.edu).

IC Winter Meeting at Clark: Gerard Smith

FACTC's many concerns were sent to IC. Cable Green introduced the Open Course Library Project to the VPs after we got the information from him. There is an eLearning Council grant that Gerry will investigate. There is some conflict between IC and local control such as paying nursing faculty at a competitive rate. DTA changes for math are going forward whereas the communication is being reset. Phil: the next IC is in Spokane in May 20 & 21. Rob and Mark D. will provide coverage. Mike suggested adding member participation in various local events being placed on future agendas.

SBCTC Updates

Cable Green:

(a.) Library media: \$1.9 million cut from the State Library with many people already laid-off. This means that services to colleges will be impacted. SBCTC has asked the library to provide a list of grants that have been slashed in hopes to preserve the federal dollars attached.

(b.) RFP for lecture capture. Vendors to respond in March with signatures in May rollout on campuses by Fall. Angie asked who owns the lecture and Cable said the SBCTC is just buying the system and locals will decide. Walter asked about the nature of the software and Cable said it will work on any platform. The software solution allows faculty to be mobile and not fixed to a dedicated space. Noreen added that this represents campus equity in that all campuses will be able to use the system.

(c.) Open Course Library has closed the panel selection; IC has selected its deciders. There will be a pool of @ 50 faculty applications. SBCTC will approve in March at the meeting. Participants will meet the same week as the TLC. Some courses did not get applicants so what to do? Cable wants quality applicants or not to accept the course proposal at this time. Amy stated that not all who wanted to apply did not know eg Clark and Gerry noted that the admin (re: above) did not release the info. Some discussion about how to resolve this. Cable will meet with the oversight committee to consider reopening the application process for courses that did not get applicants.

Boyoung Chae:

eLearning training in Angel is more along the lines of "how to hit the right buttons", not pedagogical advice. SBCTC has received a lot of positive feedback on this course from participants of the last course. Another course starts today (three weeks, online), offered each month –contact Boyoung. Amy: Shoreline stayed with Blackboard. Cable: Blackboard, Angel, WebCT, Washington online will merge by 2015, basis of SBCTC migration strategy. Boyoung: SBCTC will pay for one faculty per college to attend a full series of Quality Matters (QM) training – up through QM Master Reviewer and QM Independent

Trainer. QM Independent Trainers are eligible to facilitate face-to-face "Applying the QM Rubric" workshops at their institutions, and hence each local college will be able to develop their own capacity to train their faculty members through QM processes. Also available is several courses through Sloan-C - check with your campus eLearning director (see www.qualitymatters.org.) The Sloan-C Certificate prepares educators to teach and improve online courses.

Break 11:00 – 11:10

Noreen Light:

Noreen passed around a sheet of bills of significance with their updates to assist FACTC representatives understanding of the current state of legislative activity (see <http://www.sbctc.edu/legislativenews>).

Charlie Earl:

Member introductions to the Executive Director

Work the Board is facing presently:

(a) Looking for substantive input from FACTC more faculty involvement in decision-making a goal of the Board. Recognizes that faculty has concerns with current level of input. The Board is serious about improving this relationship.

(b) What is happening with the system: 15-20% more students with a decrease in funding for the Operating budget and capital budget. We've gone up to \$550 million in capacity and can't support this level. Will need to reduce to \$400M. This new range is probably the level for the next several years. Some projects will not get done as has been already approved and priorities may be adjusted. 6 to 9 % reduction for the coming year. American Graduation Initiative mentions Washington innovations and getting everyone into college comes from our tipping points data. A modest percentage funding increase proposal is to be addressed by Congress after Health Care is resolved. It is proposed that some of the money will go to the State, some to colleges, or some mix. He has asked WACTC to start considering this.

(c) Lift and Shift is about a third of the way along in addressing technology issues - \$10M. Down the line a \$100M proposal will begin. The first is stopgap, the second as an answer to 21st century needs.

(d) The Gates Grant is making strides. There is a discussion as to whether Workfirst's prime goal should be improving the welfare of families or getting people into work ASAP. Rep. Ruth Kagi (D) 32nd legislative district is rethinking childcare, family units, and education.

(e) Applied Baccalaureates: trying to get the decision authority to SBCTC rather than legislature. Student Achievement Initiative to be evaluated by Columbia U later in the year – how well is the system working? Questions?

Mark D.: Changing the funding based on student achievement, people are nervous.

CE: Presidents have done some work on evaluating this initiative

Amy: the economy has become a factor in increased student retention and colleges are being rewarded for this. How will the Columbia study tease out the impact of the economy?

CE: I believe colleges can increase achievement and will also be interested in how this will play out.

Mark D.: Some students drop out and return in the same quarter. This impacts other students.

CE: I want quality defined and followed. The system tries to move more positives earlier in the process.

Tim: What about transfer rates to baccalaureate institutions?

CE: The current % rate of transfer to universities comes to an end this year and has to be renegotiated.

Brad: Increases in tuition at universities drives students to stay at their community college; e.g., calculus classes have had increases.

CE: I testified at legislature, we need increased financial aid and proportionality in % of transfer.

General discussion on Amy's point that we are not funding colleges in order to add more sections to meet demand for the waitlist students.

Lunch Break 12:10 – 1:05 (CE had to take a call from Senator Kilmer)

Continuing the former discussion. Dr. Earl stated the demand on colleges to offer more when resources have hit a wall will have to be resolved by each college.

Phil: what else (beyond above) can we do to help out?

CE: Please initiate contact whenever members have agendas, topic, and issues.

CE: We have testified today that things have been added to the Kilmer bill that were not there previously. AFT/WEA argued for more faculty input and SBCTC said this is a problem because the process has problem of equal numbers of participants, not with the faculty input part. Much clarifying language in general discussion including Walter reading sections of the bill, Amy contributing that the specific language was not what the Unions had proposed.

Faculty Training: Noreen Light

SBCTC offers new faculty orientation. In the Fall 2-day face to face (f:f) training to establish common understandings followed by monthly webinars, activities f:f at the Teaching and Learning Conference (TLC), and monthly drop-in via Elluminate. Amy and Walter suggested that these sessions include part-time and adjunct. Noreen is looking for 2 or 3 faculty to contribute to this process by March 5.

Legislative Agenda: Chris Reykdal, the *Director of Finance and Administration*

Members referred to the sheet Noreen handed out earlier on bills of significance.

All policy bills had to be out by 2/16/10 so we're down to 56 bills at this time. The Gov has undercut the move to assess revenue funding by releasing a budget that is based on sin taxes. Gov has signed Linville's expenditure freeze bill that exempts "counselors", so WACTC should be very creative in applying the term wherever possible. The various freezes are part of the spending reduction, not on top of the reduction. Mr. Reykdal provided a review of each bill to inform the members (e.g., the bill CE mentioned (Kagi 3141) may not pass but it is expected that monies to assist families will be found. Higher Ed may escape Carlyle's 3178).

Discussion among members about what is going on at their home campuses.

Adjourn at 3:10