



Shoreline Community College

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WORKFORCE / FINANCIAL AID ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 26, 2011

9:00 am – Board Room

The members in attendance were: Kamaria Al-Harazi, Kim Cambern, Dave Cunningham, Sue Koeller, Sheila Rubio, Jennifer Fenske, Fikru Diro, Monica Cheng, Victoria Lauber, Kin-Hung Luk and Stephanie Tschanz - recording.

Meeting minutes from the previous advisory committee meeting were distributed and accepted.

College update from Dave Cunningham: The College continues to focus on bringing in more international students and increasing online course offerings. The special session of the Legislature coming up in November will provide more information regarding upcoming college budget cuts.

Financial Aid update from Kim Cambern (as Linda Weir was unable to attend): The state may cut funding for the State Need Grant and state Financial Aid by up to 15%. The Governor's budget recommendations come out on 10/27/11.

Worker Retraining update from Kim Cambern: The number of Worker Retraining students has decreased by about 10% due to the cuts in available tuition dollars. At this time, students can receive up to \$925 per quarter for 2 quarters. WRT offsets this with Opportunity Grant and BFET funding when possible. The WRT program expects to have some extra funds before the fiscal year ends. Options for how to use them include paying for a 3rd quarter or paying more for each of the 2 quarters. Several at the meeting expressed that adding a 3rd quarter might be a better option. About 12 WRT students who received \$925 for fall quarter continue to have an outstanding balance due.

Opportunity Grant update from Victoria Lauber: The program has 82 students, which is double the enrollment from last fall. This is mostly due to NAC (Nursing Assistant Certified) enrollments and the newly accepted HIIM (Health Information & Informatics Management) program. Funding is fairly secure for this year, but unknown for 2012-2013.

BFET update from Sheila Rubio: The program's budget is similar to last year's and continues to cover all the same types of costs. With 180 students, Shoreline's BFET is having its largest quarter ever. Currently in the works is the development of a policy that will indicate the maximum number of quarters a student can receive BFET funding. The maximum will likely be 4 quarters, unless the student also receives WRT or OG funding, in which case the maximum would be higher. The waitlist for DSHS childcare is no longer in effect.

WorkFirst update from Fikru Diro: Cuts for this year may be in the range of 26-28%. This factors in the 18% cuts that have already happened, plus an expected additional cut of 10%. WorkFirst students can be co-enrolled in BFET and/or Opportunity Grant, but not in Worker Retraining.

General funding updates from several group members:

- a) A new Aerospace grant may benefit some of Shoreline's CNC students.
- b) The Gold Standard study of WIA will start in January.
- c) The college is leaning towards not participating in the ISIS research project because services and funding under this project would not be evenly distributed among students. Some would get lots of funding and services while others would get nothing.

UI / Telecenter update from Stephanie Tschanz: According to preliminary estimates, the unemployment rate in the state of Washington dropped from 9.3% to 9.1% in September. At the same time, the state had an estimated job loss of more than 18,000 jobs – due mostly to continued cuts to government workers. Economists with the state Employment Security Department indicate that the job-loss figure will be revised when more data come in. The 'low-income' category for the Training Benefits program has been increased from \$11.11/hr to \$11.27/hr. Funding for Training Benefits paperwork assistance at WorkSource offices has been cut. This will likely result in: fewer CAT/TB Orientations being offered and customers no longer having the option of email submission to expedite application processing. This cut does NOT affect the Training Benefits services offered at SCC and by other co-located staff on college campuses. As it stands currently, new UI claimants will likely not qualify for any Federal Extension (EUC), unless the deadlines are extended.

Pacific Associates update from Kim Cambern (as Sherril Koagel was unable to attend) : The per student assistance amount has been increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Neighborhood House update from Kamaria Al-Harazi: NH got additional funding from the WDC and currently has money for tuition assistance. They do not count UI income when determining eligibility.

CARES of Washington update from Sue Koeller: She served 81 last year and of those, 47 went back to work. Her new program year started 10/1/11. She has funding to cover licensing, testing, scrubs, etc. To be eligible, students must be Basic Food eligible (Federal only) and non-TANF.

Goodwill update from Monica Cheng: Grant funding for tuition, books, transportation, etc is tied to participation in College 101 class, which is 6 weeks long. Monica also teaches College Readiness workshops.

Asian Counseling & Referral Services update from Kin-Hung Luk: ACRS is currently enrolling under both adult and dislocated worker categories.

The next Advisory meeting will likely take place in late February, 2012.