



# SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE

## COLLEGE COUNCIL

JANUARY 26, 2022, | 10:00am – 11:00pm | Zoom

### Minutes

Roster: Attendance

#### Agenda Items:

- **Land Acknowledgment (Any)**

*“On behalf of Seattle Central College, I acknowledge the land on which we stand today as the traditional home of the Coast Salish people, the traditional home of all tribes and bands within the Duwamish, Suquamish, Tulalip and Muckleshoot nations. Without them, we would not have access to this gathering and to this dialogue. I ask that we take this opportunity to thank the original caretakers of this land who are still here.”*

- **Labor Acknowledgment (Any)**

*“Today in this Present Moment, we honor the survival, the adaptations, the forced assimilation, and the resilience and creativity of Native peoples – past, present, and future. We encourage participants to consider their responsibilities to the people and land, both here and elsewhere, and to stand in solidarity with Native, Indigenous, and First Nations People, and their sovereignty, cultural heritage, and lives. We recognize that enslaved and indentured peoples were forced into unpaid and underpaid labor in the construction of this country, state and city. To the people who contributed this immeasurable work and their descendants, we acknowledge our/their indelible mark on the space in which we gather today. It is our collective responsibility to critically interrogate these histories, to repair harm, and to honor, protect, and sustain this land. “*

Dawnelle asked everyone to reflect on trying to make the Land acknowledgement more engaging, here were some responses:

Jennifer Clark

- Add a visual that changes each time

Wendy Rockhill

- <https://www.realrentduwamish.org/>

Nancy Harris

- I found this on the web. <https://nativegov.org/news/a-guide-to-indigenous-land-acknowledgment/>

David Alvarez

- Learn and present more about the Indigenous history of Seattle (i.e. Battle of Seattle in 1856, Puget Sound Indian War, 1990's Makah Tribe whaling protests, etc., Treaty of Elliott Point, etc.)

Cassandra McGuire

- Maybe reflect on more specific stories, especially local. Watch a video/listen to native stories or poetry

Seth Taylor

- For the major meetings, presidents day, convocation, etc have First Nation speakers, or educational opportunities. for the small meeting highlight local issues, artists, support opportunities, education on NGO's or programs that provide services and support for local tribes.

Lincoln Ferris

- Maybe posting a map of the extent and location of traditional tribal lands here in the NW
- <https://native-land.ca/> is a website where you post your zip code and tells you what Native lands you are on

**Action: Dawnelle then asks the group to Bring something that you've read/ learned related to these land or labor and Native Justice.**

**Approval of Minutes: Dawnelle makes the motion to approve the minutes, Sam Laher seconds and the group send in their approval via Zoom thumbs up there is consensus.**

## **Welcome**

- Icebreaker Question (David)  
If you were in a food fight what would be your weapon of choice?

## **Check in with ASC**

- Danya, ASC Executive of Legislative Affairs:
  - Next Thurs Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 students are going down for Student Advocacy Day. Seven confirmed meetings from three different districts that Seattle Colleges is a part of – waiting on two other representatives to confirm their appointments.
  - Will forward the speech they will use for their presentation.
- **S&A Fees**
  - Wrapping up S&A Process: Final hearings this week and next week. Decisions will be coming out in March/April/May. Trying to increase the student fee.

## **Student Issues**

- **Student Financial Aid**
  - Seth mentions issues that have arisen around Financial Aid and Work Study – students have had a lot of difficulty accessing the funds and getting responses.
  - Kao is working on a larger re-design and working on making hirings. Trying to make policies consistent across the colleges.
  - If students are stuck, send them to Diane Coleman and it gives them a chance to respond.
- **No Drops for Non – Payment**
  - Working hard to introduce this, because of the chaos that results from students being dropped for non-payment.
  - Pilot Project in International Programs
- **HEERF**
  - Extending the drop date
  - Finalizing an email communication, Monday or early next week
  - Eligible students are those with a Tuition Balance
  - They can receive cash or payment on their debt
  - Jennifer Clark asks to keep faculty in the loop will help as then they can remind students to reply to the offer

- Paying off all outstanding student debt, in addition we have resources to enroll you for next quarter.
  - A new Engagement Specialist will be hired to help facilitate this this enrollment support
- **Student Involvement Fair**
  - Shout out to Respiratory health club and bachelor's programs, they have built a mentorship program and had a great turn out at their Involvement Fair booth.
- **Advising Roundtable Meetings Restarting Next week**
  - Roundtable info: Central Advising and Career Services (ACS) Department is excited to reintroduce the quarterly Advising Roundtable Meetings!
  - These meetings historically occurred between the instruction and operations sides of our campus community as an opportunity for faculty and program staff to share important course and program updates with staff who provide advising services to students, campus wide.
  - These meetings will occur quarterly ahead of the following quarter's registration window to ensure the entire campus community has the most updated information to share with students (I.e., Feb. 6 spring quarter registration opens for returning students).
  - Program Advisors or managers facilitating to get updates.
  - Also gives an opportunity to present feedback for Student Services
  - Lyds Appeals: If you have feedback, please put it in the Starfish comments, they are trying to use this data to better support students.

### **College Council Workgroup Committees – Report Out**

- Resource Allocation (Lincoln)
  - Drafting Sessions to Re-develop guiding principles.
    - Everyone is welcome to join in Thu 2/2/2023 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
    - <https://zoom.us/j/92150826011?pwd=d1FSMTJxVzJBeUdSMU9ISElCSElodz09&from=addon>
- Critical Issues (Kao)
  - Met a week or two ago, tasked with looking over the employee survey and making recommendations to the President.
  - Looked for qualitative data, spent a lot of time talking about Safety.
    - Hiring Concerns
      - There is not enough security for facilities staff, RV encampment at Maritime
      - There is a desire for more security but want to be respectful of Optics in hiring more security - how would this be perceived by students? Should they wear uniforms?
      - Want to focus on hiring and training officers to prioritize safety but also acknowledge other concerns around “policing.”
      - Many staff work until 11:30pm, many are severely afraid to leave work or do their jobs
        - They especially feel uncomfortable cleaning Nagel Place
        - Lincoln responds: Just finished hiring an Evening Officer

- Seth mentions: Police Officers ignore Capitol Hill because Officers dislike the way this area treats them.
- Uptick in Mental Health the crisis
  - Trying to think about the mental health of students and those in our community.
  - Could we hire a Social Worker? Someone to respond to students in crisis
- How can we revitalize the campus environment?
  - There is a lot of graffiti –could we try to hire muralists / respected taggers because others tend to respect allocated “turf”
    - Lincoln Responds: The College just put a contract back with a Graffiti Cleaning Company
- Strategic Planning (Wendy)
  - Bridge Plan from District sent out – will send in a larger report.

**Discussion items:**

- **Dr. Lane's presidential goals - update**
  - Will give update from Legislators at the next meeting
  - Extend meeting to 90 minutes, move to a time that allows more ASC representation

Next meeting will be in March