



# SEATTLE COLLEGES

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## College Council

September 21, 2020 | 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Zoom

### Draft Minutes

#### Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Blodgett, Angela                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harris, Adria       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nikolic, Vukasin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chin, Jacob                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Harris, Michael                | <input type="checkbox"/> Rutherford, Kay             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conley, Chris                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacobs, Anna                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thomas, Carey    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Edgar, Christine                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lane, Bradley       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thurston, Emily  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edwards Lange, Sheila | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LéZheo, Kao         | <input type="checkbox"/> Williams, Dawn              |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lipscomb, La Shonda | <input type="checkbox"/> Williams, Willie            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ferris, Lincoln       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nakamura, Gina      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yoo, Jung Ha                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harden, Yoshiko       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wilkie, Dawnelle    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yazici, Ton                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tang, Alexander       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dwyer, Johnny       | <input type="checkbox"/> Lewis, Sarah                |
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#### Agenda Items:

##### Welcome

Kao LéZheo

##### Land acknowledgment

Carey Thomas

##### Approve College Council minutes from Aug. 17, 2020 meeting

Approved by vote of 7

##### Budget reduction update

**SEL-**The state budget and forecast came out last week. While revenue collection is better than they anticipated there is still a deficit. Rather than a 15% reduction it's probably 10% reduction. That is on the state budget side.

**BL-**The bigger context is there is still a big deficit and more to the point, there are many other parts of the state's budget that are untouchable. IE-K12 education is constitutionally protected. When the legislature looks inside its budget the likelihood that it will cut Higher Ed. So, there's some political pressure to not cut other parts of the budget. Many state colleges are planning for some kind of take back even if it is 10% in January or February. That's part of one of the many variables as we were looking at as we put the finishing touches on a budget that we started back in January for this year.

**LF-** Prospects for a federal bailout before the end of the year, providing additional Cares Act funding is very dim. At this point, it is unrealistic to expect we're going to get any relief from the legislature before February to June of next year.

**SEL-** I wanted to reiterate that the bigger budget issue for us is revenue collection. Due to declining enrollment both state enrollment and international but, more particularly, international enrollment. We were anticipating 1.2 million reduction from the state but \$5.7 million reduction from international. We're at about 40% down and will continue to monitor that situation.

We did have a number of faculty and staff who took advantage of the voluntary separations. We did deny a few of them based on eligibility. There were a couple of positions that were denied because they are mission critical

Also, we have gotten the temporary money from the Governor. Many of the things that we are proposing to do to close the budget gap will take time. They will take this entire academic year to get them done. And so, the GEERS money is being used this year to get us through to those program closures and those things that take time to actually realize the savings.