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Student Achievement Council to hold first regular meeting Oct. 10 in Seattle

OLYMPIA—The Washington Student Achievement Council will hold a get-acquainted session and receive briefings on agency resources and current responsibilities at the Council's first regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at South Seattle Community College.

The nine-member Council also will hear from House Higher Education Committee Chair Rep. Larry Seaquist, who sponsored legislation earlier this year establishing the Student Achievement Council. Seaquist will discuss the Council's purpose and mission from a legislative perspective, and the Legislature's intent in establishing a Joint Higher Education Committee to work with the Council. The joint committee is comprised of four members each from the House and Senate.

The Council officially came into existence on July 1. Its members consist of five citizens appointed by the Governor, and four members representing independent nonprofit institutions, public four-year institutions, community and technical colleges, and the state's K-12 education system. The Council has the broad mission of increasing educational attainment among Washington residents.

More information about the Council's duties and membership is available at www.wsac.wa.gov/AboutTheCouncil.

At a special meeting last month, the Council adopted by-laws and elected officers for the coming year. Dr. Brian Baird will serve as Council chair, Constance Rice will serve as vice chair, and Ray Lawton will serve as secretary.

The Council also authorized a request for proposals from firms to assist in the selection of candidates to fill the position of Executive Director. The Council is required by law to submit the names of three candidates to the Governor, who selects the director from among them.

The Council's Oct. 10 meeting will be held in conference rooms 110-111 of the Gene J. Colin Building at the South Seattle Community College Georgetown Campus, 6737 Corson Ave. S., Seattle. A meeting agenda is posted at www.wsac.wa.gov/sites/default/files/WSAC-Agenda-Oct2012.pdf.

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