

December 10, 2015
Teleconference

MINUTES

Members participating:

Telephone: Maud Daudon, Marty Brown, Jeff Charbonneau, Paul Francis, Karen Lee, Gil Mendoza

In person: Susana Reyes

Staff attending:

Gene Sharratt, Aaron Wyatt, Alan Hardcastle, Maddy Thompson, Marc Webster, Rachelle Sharpe, Randy Spaulding, Weiya Liang, and Kristin Ritter.

The meeting was called to order at 10:52 a.m. by Chair Maud Daudon.

Agenda and November 18 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Marty Brown to approve the Agenda and Minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Gil Mendoza.

Motion carried.

Roadmap Update

Maddy Thompson, Director of Policy & Government Relations

Alan Hardcastle, Director of Research

Maddy Thompson and Alan Hardcastle explained this presented version of the Roadmap Update includes Council's feedback offered at the November 18 meeting. Each suggestion offered at the November meeting was discussed and incorporated into the Roadmap Update.

The Roadmap language ramps up the urgency for more to be done to reach Washington State's adopted attainment goals. The executive summary makes it clear to the reader that the Roadmap Update does not focus on strategies to advance the goals, but rather makes references to the good work done thus far.

Council Member Gil Mendoza offered a suggestion to include language in the transmittal letter about the recently signed "Every Student Succeeds Act." He would like to see the report acknowledge that this state will take advantage of the flexibility this new law allows. It will recognize it is a Pre-K system that leads to postsecondary attainment, and we are the only organization that truly represents a PreK-20 system. The bill specifically calls out some populations who have not been served and could be with this new legislation, thus moving Washington closer to its Roadmap goals.

Council Chair Maud Daudon would like to succinctly acknowledge that the decrease in enrollment is in part due to employment. She would also like to remind the Legislature that these goals are the state's goals. These goals are about the students and the economy of Washington State.

After approval of the Roadmap at this meeting, staff will send the report and transmittal letter to the Governor and the legislative committees under the executive director's name.

Motion was made by Marty Brown to approve the Roadmap Update with approved amendments.

Motion seconded by Paul Francis.

Motion carried.

2016 Council Committee Structure Discussion

Randy Spaulding, Director of Academic Affairs & Policy

Rachelle Sharpe, Acting Deputy Director

Randy Spaulding discussed the Council committee structure. The committees provide an opportunity to get input from partners from the various sectors who may or may not be represented on the Council. There are times that these committees overlap, especially the Committee for Academic Affairs and Policy and the Committee for Student Support. Rachelle Sharpe explained there will be more discussion at the next Council meeting on February 2016, and committee meetings will be scheduled thereafter.

Alan Hardcastle let Council members know this was his last Council meeting and thanked them for the great working relationship he has shared with them over this last year. The Council also expressed their appreciation for Alan's contributions.

Adjournment 11:09 a.m.