



WR -MINUTES
Thursday, March 7th, 2024, at 11:00 AM
Zoom

Members Present: Narek Danielyan (Committee Chair) Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Partnerships, Washington State University Vancouver

Members Absent: Michelle Thor, VP of Outreach & Social Responsibility, Columbia Credit Union; Jay Schmidt; Chad Mullen, Programs Manager, CCL and STEM, ESD 112; Karin LaValla, Business Solutions Consultant, WorkSource; Sean Moore, Senior Project Manager, Workforce SW WA; Vickei Hrdina; Ryan Fanning; Travis Elmore

Clark College: Nicole Rogers-Marcum, Director of Instructional Finance & Operational Support, Clark College; Scot Headley, Dean of Business & Health Sciences, Clark College; Theo Koupelis, Dean of WPTE & STEM, Clark College; Tricia Atkinson, Interim Dean of SOFA, Clark College; Kate Jacky, Financial Aid, Clark College; Terri Kaufman, Enrollment Services, Clark College; Elizabeth Flores, Advisory Coordinator, Clark College

The meeting began at 11:01 AM.

NEXT MEETING DATE

An electronic poll will be sent out to determine a spring meeting date.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from October 2nd, 2023 will be approved at the next meeting.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Introductions were made.

Scot has shared the latest updates about the Surgical Tech program's final stages. PeaceHealth, the college's local partner, requested the program due to the high demand in the industry. The search for a director is underway, and an advisory committee has been formed.

Theo announced the new bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Engineering and the AAT program.

Theo shared the latest updates about the Advanced Manufacturing program at Boschma Farms in Ridgefield, WA. The program will receive the keys to the new building in eight months.

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Theo shared a new program called Construction Management and Civil Engineering and discussed exit ramps for students and the clean energy-guided pathways model.

WORKER RETRAINING UPDATES

Nicole mentioned that she has not yet received the planning numbers for worker retraining.

Nicole shared the document outlining the program mix for the 2024-2025 CTC Worker Retraining program, noting that it is subject to change based on each area's evolving needs. No official figures have been released.

Nicole presented median salaries for high-demand occupations and outlined funding distribution.

The projected headcount is an estimate subject to change throughout the year.

Narek asked if worker retraining grant harness's regulations.

Nicole observed that the salary increments differ for each program.

Katy noted salary increments are based on community needs or job demands.

STUDENT TRENDS

Cheyenne shared the trends for students in the 2022-2023 academic year. She also discussed the qualifications for Worker Retraining and the associated requirements.

Cheyenne mentioned that the college is looking to increase the recruitment of veteran students.

Cheyenne presented the fields of study in high demand to those with lower numbers.

Narek inquired about how students become informed about the grant.

Cheyenne mentioned that many referrals come through financial aid, and she shares close connections with WorkSource, providing resources and support to spread outreach.

ACTION ITEMS

An electronic poll to approve the program matrix will be sent via email.

An electronic poll to set up the spring meeting will be emailed.

Tricia will send the committee information about the new regional economist.

POST MEETING AMENDMENTS

The 2024-25 CTC Worker Retraining Program Mix was approved via an electronic poll by the Worker Retraining Advisory Committee on March 12th, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM.

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores