**District Council**

8:30-10:00 a.m., June 7, 2021

Zoom

**Notes**

Attendance: Shouan Pan, Rebecca Hansen, Dawn Williams, Lisa Gacer, Leah Scott, Larry Cushnie, Christy Isaacson, Renee Infelise, Kevin Bowersox-Johnson, Chsrita Zinke, Andrew Swansen, Alex Tang, Deepa Bhandaru

1. District Council Charge

Chancellor Pan began the inaugural meeting with introductions of all attendees. The District Council was formed as an advisory body to the Chancellor and the Chancellor’s Executive Cabinet. Dr. Pan gave some history of our structure as a multi-college district and current challenges we face. He is hopeful that this group will be an effective forum for examining our shared issues across the district.

1. Electing a Chair

Deepa Bhandaru nominated Dawn Williams and Larry Cushnie as Co-Chairs. Leah Scott asked if students are allowed to be Co-Chairs. The group stated that students are allowed to serve as a Chair. The group discussed having three Co-Chairs representing, Faculty, Staff and Students. Leah Scott nominated Julia Lewicki. The group decided to table the student Co-Chair nomination until more students have been added to the District Council roster. There was a question about providing stipends for students. Leah Scott clarified that Student Leadership students already receive a stipend for their work, but if a student is from outside Student Leadership, a stipend might be helpful. The nominated candidates shared a little about their experience and willingness to take on the role of Co-Chair. The group voted and elected Dawn Williams and Larry Cuashnie as Co-Chairs. In September, the group will elect a Student.

1. Developing Bylaws

Larry Cushnie suggested a review of all three by-laws to compare them and develop a set that works for this group. Rebecca Hansen will collect and share by-laws from the three colleges with the Co-Chairs and Kevin Bowersox-Johnson, Christa Zinke and Alex Tang, who offered to assist with drafting the by-laws. The recommended by-laws will be presented in September for a first reading. Rebecca Hansen will continue to attend meetings and provide support. A webpage will be developed for this group.

1. Chancellor Updates

Chancellor Pan informed the group of the process for filling the current vacancy on the Board of Trustees. The Chancellor is working with the Governor’s Office to get an appointment made this summer. He also outlined some of the important items on the June Board meeting agenda, including the preliminary budget for 21-22. He highlighted budget requests for regular public dollars and private Foundation funds to support EDI goals. ctcLink funding is also complex, given under-enrollment across the state. Guided Pathways and Seattle Promise continue to move ahead with success. He also shared the ongoing work of the Accreditation Task Force and the timeline for a Board decision on single accreditation.