Human Services Advisory Committee
Minutes
Woodring College of Education
December 7, 2012 – June 7, 2013
10:00-2:00 – Miller Hall 158

Attendees: Elizabeth Boland, Jarid Corbitt, Rebecca Johnson, John Korsmo, Trula Nicholas

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<td>1. WCC Update (Jarid Corbitt)</td>
<td>• There is an influx of veterans planning on attending Whatcom Community College. This is a good sign, as there was a slowdown in students who identified themselves as veterans.</td>
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<td>• Per the Washington State legislature if a college or university offer early registration for any group of students it must be offered to students that identify themselves as having veteran status. This was something that neither Beth nor John had been informed about but that both feel it is important to let faculty advisors know about so they can assist their veteran student advisees better.</td>
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<td>• Veterans are also able to get temporary residency so that they may be able to better utilize their GI Bill funding to its optimum performance.</td>
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<td>• WCC has seen an increase in their male students enrolling in their HS program. This should offset the loss of male enrollees to the WWU Human Service program once the WCC students transfer to get their Bachelors degree.</td>
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2. **WWU Update (Elizabeth Boland)**

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<td>• The RC program currently has a large number of applicants. It appears that they will have to deny or waitlist some of these students.</td>
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<td>• There is a 50% male to female ratio from a total of 37 students. We are encouraged by this trend as it looked to give more diversity into the program. The program usually admits between 20-22 students into its cohort yearly. There are currently 37 applicants to get into the fall 2013 cohort.</td>
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<td>• Conversations with strategic program alumni seem to be an encouragement to prospective students choosing to attend Rehabilitation Counseling on campus instead of doing a Distance Learning course. Which These are the only choices available in Washington State at the moment.</td>
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<td>• All of the approvals for the RN-BSN program have been approved by campus officials and it is working toward accepting applicants into the fall 2013 cohort.</td>
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<td>• Unlike other nursing programs this is for students who have already attained their RN and are looking to get a higher degree.</td>
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<td>• The faculty of the program have been working with community partners to build working relationships. The community include but are not limited to: Whatcom Community College, St. Josephs</td>
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**WCC** has also just started with working with the Hire 1 program (direct online depositing program used with Financial Aid). Jarid is working with his advisees to get them signing up for the direct deposit program.
Hospital and Medical Centers, and Skagit Valley Community College.

- The program is set to hold classes on the Bellingham campus on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., so that nurses that might have conflicts can arrange to take that day off to attend classes instead of disrupting theirs and their coworkers work schedules.
- Currently the program is looking to enroll between 30-35 students for the cohort.
- It currently has one full time faculty, an interim director who will be leaving in August, and a new incoming Director Casey Shillam who will be starting up in mid-July.
- There has been some working to maybe work to have some of the nursing classes be open to the Human Services Program students so they might be able to get exposed to the world of medical care.

CCE

- There is also a new director starting in this program. Sondra Cuban will be taking Sandi Daffron’s place.
- Requests the HSPAC members get the word out about the CCE distance learning program. It is relatively new and could use the exposure.
- Most Human Services students go into this program to learn about adult education, and leadership skills. This is another option if the student doesn’t want to apply to a Social Worker Program, or Rehabilitation Counseling graduate program.
- We have several new faculty members starting in the fall. Samit Bordolo, Hope Corbin, and Devyani Chandra are all starting up in the fall quarter.
- There is a potential for a new name for the Department of Human Services and Rehabilitation. With the new addition of two programs we are trying to thing. Be thinking about what this new name might mean the most for you.
- Additionally there may be a new title for Woodring since it is no longer strictly a teaching college.
- Trula Nicholas has been elected to the WWU Faculty Senate. Congratulations!!

3. **Update DSHS (Kathy Ramsay)**

- There have been many changes in the leadership in DSHS. They have a new Secretary and Assistant Secretary that are transitioning into their new positions.
- There are surplus of positions at DSHS up and down the I5 corridor however there are few if any qualified applicants applying for them. *It is a fear* that new HS graduates don’t want to work at DSHS because they believe that it is synonymous with CPS which isn’t the case with most positions. Kathy indicated that they are looking to do a recruitment push for people of color and bi-lingual people to place in the highly diverse centers. She is hoping that the HSPAC can assist in getting the word out to people who may be looking for a job. She also indicated that the wages for CPS are competitive with private sector positions.
- There have been some negative stories in the press in regards to DSHS which could also be the issue for a decline in applicants.
- *Trula told Kathy that a Foster Care/Domestic Violence speaker will be invited to campus next year and that they may want to speak with Kathy regarding potential solutions to what DSHS is currently going through.*
- *Trula reported that the Whatcom Council of Nonprofits and the Whatcom Community Foundation in*
cooperation with Washington Nonprofits will be bringing Trudi Inslee (Washington’s First Lady) to Bellingham in the fall. Trudi Inslee has agreed to assist the nonprofit sector during her tenure as First Lady and she is particularly interested in Foster Care and Domestic Violence.

- Kathy asked if there is a specific contact person within Compass 2 Campus that she should speak with to initiate campus visits for children in foster care. She would very much like to have a relationship with that program.

4. Community Link Consulting (Rebecca Johnson)

- Rebecca reported that they are trying to set up approved community healthcare centers to give quality healthcare options to people in the community.
- There is a lot of activity going on in healthcare with the increased funding in Medicaid and the affordable healthcare act. A grant of $5500.00 was received by healthcare agencies to enroll uninsured people and to have discussions with employers who may need to have their employees sign up for insurance. With this being the case the President made a focused push to hire Veterans to become experts in insurance, social workers, and frontline support. This will hopefully educate the public about these new programs.

5. Approval of HSPAC minutes

The group was supplied the minutes from the last several meetings after review Rebecca moved to accept the minutes, Kathy seconded it and a unanimous vote was held accepting the minutes.

6. HSP Director (John Korsmo)

- John is working with all three Human Services program to improve communications between the three. He teamed up with Judy Deiro and invited Everett students to come to the Bellingham campus for a lecture and meet their Bellingham counterparts.
- He has created an e-newsletter to help people keep up with what's happening in the program. If you want to be included in these please let him know and he will add you to the list.
Human Services has hired two new tenure track faculty and a Non tenure track faculty. Hope Corbin, Samit Bordoloi, and Devyani Chandran will all starting this fall. We will try to give you opportunity to meet them once they have settled in.

HSP by the numbers:
- 171 Students in program
- 120 Graduates
- 44 Different sections of classes
- 36 Individual classes taught
- 5 Staff between all sites
- 64 Applicants for Fall 2013
- 50 Available spaces for Fall 2013
- 25 Spaces available in Everett only a few spots left

Is impressed by Everett’s tradition of senior core welcoming junior core into the program with a program. Then junior core giving senior core a sendoff. Wants to try and institute this type of thing in Bellingham.

Health and wellness of faculty. Both Judy Deiro and Diana Jones are back after taking some sick leave. Welcome back!!

Attrition for programs:
- We are losing men and people of color who are leaving the program before graduating for various circumstances
- 43% of Naïve Americans do not finish the program
- Hope Corbin is working with a colleague at Columbia University to study the reason for this loss through attrition both here and at Columbia University
- Jackie Baker Sennett has received a small grant to be used for student advising. This may lead to an online advising page

Students:
- Fairhaven College and Woodring College of Education are teaming up to create a minor in Education & Social Justice. It will require 32
credits to achieve. Work is currently underway to have the classes and curriculum completed

International Program:
- John is preparing to leave and teach a course in South Africa. This is the second year he has taught this program. It is focusing on NGO programs and will be a service learning program. This is the first year that a HSP credit will be offered to the students of the HSP department
- In addition to South Africa, John is working on creating a Panama program, as well as a Bolivia program. He is cultivating some current international relationships to reach out to potential partners in those regions
- Hope Corbin, and Samit Bordoloi are also interested in using their international contacts to potentially create new international study programs

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<td>- Trula gave the group a short history and definition of the Faculty Senate which she has recently been elected to.</td>
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<td>- Reported that the Faculty Senate is in the very early stages of discussions about changing the GURs which may mean including an HSP intro class. She wants to know if the group thinks it would be beneficial to have a HS class for freshman and sophomore to take so they can see what the program is like. Also wants the group to think about what might be of interest and use in an intro class</td>
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<td>- Trula asks the members to keep an eye out for anyone who may be interested in serving on this council and have them contact her</td>
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<td>- John wants to know how we can best serve the council members. Is there anything we can do for them to help engage them in this process</td>
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- Wanted to acknowledge the passing away of Carolyn Hudnall. She was a great asset to the Human Services community and her absence will be felt.
- If you are getting together in a group from teens on up contact John as he would be interested in speaking with them.
- The next meeting will be held in October hopefully before Halloween.

| Next Meeting and Adjournment | Next Meeting in October 2013 |