

## WACCT Board Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2018

Special Board Meeting



### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by WACCT President Ernie Over at 10:03 pm.

Those present:

Name	College	Name	College
Sue Schilling	CC	Erin Taylor	Exec. Director
Ernie Over	CWC	Don Erickson	LCCC
Bob Salazar	LCCC	Carolyn Danko	NWC
Nada Larsen - phone	NWC	George Eckman	WWCC
Regina Clark	WWCC	Marilyn Fisher	EWC

The agenda for the May 21<sup>st</sup> conference call was approved to discuss the Wyoming Community College Commission's tuition cap policy and WACCT's input thereof.

WWCC – three issues:

- Importance for single parents
- How to we aid high school dropouts/people who are ineligible for scholarships
- “16 to succeed program” – a concern for liberal arts community is that they are being priced out of their jobs – there is no room for electives

LCCC –

- What are the components of a financial strategy/tuition policy the WCCC should consider? We can use this June meeting as a starting point for this issue.
- Important to establish certain themes – but we need to know more of what the presidents are going to recommend.

CC –

- Looking at hard data – what's broken?
- Do we have data that illustrates how the cap impacts college completion?
- Are we going to be following UW's lead on this? How would this impact the community colleges?
- The cap policy is friendlier to our students – and we have all types of students to consider.

NWC –

- We shouldn't tie our wagon to UW. They have a different governing structure.
- Would like to see a policy that bring consistency and predictability and follows a set protocol.
- Also concerned about electives.
- Adult students need access to financial aid.

EWC –

- Lifting the cap does not have a huge impact on EWC's budget.
- Need to consider the cost of providing services – we don't have a lot of other options to raise revenue when the legislature cuts funding.

CWC –

- Tuition cap is only a small part of the discussion.
- Need incentives for non-traditional students – affordability is important.
- No need to consider UW's lead.

In Summary – the WACCT comments to the WCCC should focus on the following:

- Consistent policy that is reliable and based on measurable metrics
- Affordability for all students
- Accessibility to non-traditional students
- Need to consider impact on electives

Trustee Erickson asked if the WACCT Board could find out what the Presidents are considering. Erin will contact Dr. Shaefer to see if he will share their ideas with us before the June meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.**