

Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board Private Vocational School Advisory Committee Minutes

July 15, 2008

11:30am – 3:30pm

Perry Technical Institute

2011 West Washington Avenue

Yakima, WA 98903

The July 15, 2008 PVSAC meeting was called to order by Chair John Paul Johnston at 11:40am.

Members Present

Christine Cote, President, Perry Technical Institute, Yakima

David Wilson, Administrator, Interface College, Spokane

John Paul Johnston, Divers Institute, Seattle

Kimberly Lothyan, President, Everest College, Everett

Bill Mahler, NW School of Wooden Boat Building, Port Hadlock

Gena Wikstrom, Executive Director, NW Career Colleges Federation, Redmond

WTECB Staff Present

Eleni Papadakis

Walt Wong

Peggy Rudolph

Patricia Spencer

Carol Nix

Guests

Craig Dwight – Yakima Valley Tech Skills Center

Angel Reyna & Carol Wilson – Yakima Valley Community College

J. Tuman – Retired Perry Technical College

April 10, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were adopted.

Old / New Business

Gena Wikstrom talked of the NW Career College's Annual Conference, huge success.

Gena also announced the June 2009 NW Career College's 40th Anniversary celebration, to be held in Spokane. There was a discussion on how distance learning has increased, and will probably keep increasing.

WTECB Updates and Summary

Eleni Papadakis provided the committee with information on Life Long Learning Accounts (LiLA). There was also discussion on developing an online career system. Walt Wong talked about WTECB working with CTED and the Governor's Conference in September. There was discussion on cluster strategies and how education and training partners align with clusters.

Walt Wong presented information on the following items:

- Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council 2007 Annual Report
- 2009 Legislative Session - Initial Discussion of Possible Agency Requests
- WTECB 2009-2013 Strategic Plan Draft
- Skills for the Next Washington – Coordinating Workforce and Economic Development in Industry Clusters

High Skills, High Wages

Walt Wong discussed the strategies of High Skills, High Wages. There was discussion on how difficult it was to transfer credits from Private Career Schools and Colleges to community colleges. Minneapolis was mentioned as an example on successful transfer of credits.

PVSA Summary Update

Peggy Rudolph provided the committee with statistics and information on the number of schools currently licensed, new schools, and number and types of complaints. Peggy also talked about possible WAC revisions. The committee agreed that the revisions should be pursued. Patricia Spencer talked about the monitoring form and how it's working since implementation.

Program of Work Discussion - Collaboration

Craig Dwight from Yakima Valley Tech discussed collaborations with Yakima Valley Community College and how it benefits students. Angel Reyna and Carol Wilson of Yakima Valley Community College also shared their thoughts on how this was beneficial to students. Committee members shared their comments as well.

Next Meeting

There was discussion on where to have the November meeting.

Election of Officers

John Paul was re-elected, informally, as the 2009 committee chair. Changes to the by-laws may need to occur. The new Vice-Chair election will be done at the first meeting of 2009.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.