

ARC Minutes, May 3, 2006
Big Bend Community College
WaACRAO

1:00 pm Meeting brought to order by Ms Janelle Miner, Whatcom CC, with a welcome to first meeting of WaACRAO. A poll was taken of those attending from private universities, public universities, and community/technical colleges.

Welcome to those assembled from Big Bend by Dr. Benatti, introduced by Ms. Candi Lacher, BBC, and from Ms. Lacher to those assembled.

Ms. Miner thanked ARC for giving up one-half day of their agenda for the WaACRAO meeting and delivered information on the history of the two groups (See Handout #1). Those instrumental in forming this group were thanked, including Ms. Betsy Abts, NSCC, Mr. Steve Ashpole, BTC, Ms. Becky Bitter, WSU, Ms. Virjean Edwards, UW, Ms. Kathy Gaer-Carlton, CWU, Ms. Kenda Gatlin, SPU, Ms. Christ Masterson, Bastyr Univ., Ms. Chris Melton, SCC, Ms. Janelle Miner, WCC, Mr. Joe S. Hilaire, WWU.

Icebreaker—ten minutes

1:30 Breakout sessions: Residency Issues with Robert Rhodes, UW and Trends in Professional Development with Becky Bitter, WSU and Kenda Gatlin, SPU. Each group will produce their own summaries for the entire group and email to Ms. Betsy Abst, who will send out via the respective list serves.

Break

Ms. Betsy Abst brought the meeting back to order. She requested that those attending fill out the “feedback” form, which will rate this first WaACRAO meeting.

Two sessions this afternoon: Transfer Issues and International Students.

4:30 pm—Wrap Up Session

Objective of this session: To see if this combined group wants to come together as an AACRAO state group. When should this combined meeting occur? It was suggested that could possibly be an annual meeting. Neighboring states’ groups do meet once a year. The intention is not to replace regular meetings of the separate groups. Ms. Abst stated that she found it “odd” that those who work in education in Washington must leave the state to make connections with four-year staff. A centralized location for the combined meeting must be considered. CWU offered to host a future meeting. An update at ARC meetings for AWISA or ICORA was considered. UW representatives expressed appreciation for the effort and the value of topics amongst the community colleges and universities.

Other items of value in this combined meeting: common course numbering discussion across all Washington institutions. Communication is the key.