

LEARNING COMMUNITY COORDINATORS MEETING AGENDA

EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE - OLYMPIA, WA

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2020

- 9:30 - 9:50 **Check-In and Continental Breakfast**
- 10:00 - 10:20 **Welcome Session**
Participants will briefly introduce themselves and members of the Washington Learning Community Consortium (WLCC) steering committee will share some information about the consortium and upcoming events.
- 10:30 - 11:20 **State of the Washington Center**
Dr. Julia Metzker, the new Director of the Washington Center, will provide an overview of the role of and vision for the Washington Center at Evergreen, in Washington State, and nationally.
- 11:30 - 12:20 **Taking Stock of Learning Communities**
Dr. Julia Metzker and WLCC Co-Chair Matt Scammell (Skagit Valley College) will co-facilitate this interactive session in which participants will initially identify many types of learning communities and other forms of integrative learning that exist, and then discuss the potential value that various options can provide for students as high-impact practices. This session will be partially based on the Inside Higher Ed article "The Truth About Learning Communities" by Steven Mintz, which can be accessed at:

<https://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/higher-ed-gamma/truth-about-learning-communities>
- 12:30 - 1:20 **Lunch**
- 1:30 - 2:30 **Concurrent 2-year and 4-year Roundtable Discussions**
These roundtable discussions will focus on current opportunities and challenges related to integrative learning at 2-year and 4-year institutions. The 2-year discussion will focus primarily on building high-quality learning communities and other integrative experiences into guided pathways.
- 2:45 - 3:00 **Closing Session**
This session will provide an opportunity for the sharing of final thoughts and reflections related to the previous sessions and related discussions (including brief summaries of key takeaways from the 2-year and 4-year roundtable discussions).
- 3:15 - 4:00 **WLCC Steering Committee Meeting**