**Notes for Quarterly Check-In Meeting**

**May 12, 2020**

1. Legislative Assistant proposal on hold: Jeremy Mohn indicated legislators do not have bandwidth for this at the moment
2. Interest at UW Tacoma in an early entry program or “feeder” relationship of some sort
3. Admissions update
   1. 55 admissions offers made (42 Olympia, 13 TG) [compare to 51 admissions offers made last year for Olympia]
   2. Average 5-yeaer yield is about 80%, so this indicates expected enrollment of 34 Olympia, 10 Tribal Governance
   3. We still have 9-10 applications incomplete and pending
   4. Admissions process is still open on a rolling basis. Marcia and Puanani are working with applicants individually
   5. Receiving 2-3 new inquiries a week
   6. Are expediting review in a couple of ways:
      1. Change in review with Covid-19
      2. Reviewing and deciding on applications with unofficial transcripts (per guidance from Amy Betz)
4. Curriculum re-design is nearly complete. Key changes:
5. Weekend Intensive Option --- Tribal Governance weekend program will expand to include students in other concentrations
6. Reduction in core program from 36 to 28 hours --- Core courses will be offered as 4 credit hour courses rather than 6 credit hour courses. An additional course, Analytic Techniques for Public Service III, will run simultaneously with Capstone.
7. Concentration requirement --- MPA students will be required to complete at least one concentration of 12 credit hours, selecting from Tribal Governance, Public and Nonprofit Administration, and Public Policy

Advantages:

1. Greater flexibility, particularly for TG students
2. Easier to pursue program on a part-time basis
3. Weekend intensive option can draw on a wider market
4. Better integration of TG students into program
5. Fewer barriers in completing core (do not need to be available for both weekends and evenings)
6. Marketable concentrations (assuming we can make them transcriptable as part of the launch)