

Senior Staff Meeting
November 17, 2008
Meeting Notes

Attending: Don Bantz, John Carmichael, Art Costantino, Steve Hunter, Lee Hoemann, John Hurley, Les Purce, Todd Sprague, Allen Toothaker
Absent: Theresa Aragon, Julie Suchanek, Steve Trotter

Minutes

The notes from the previous meeting were approved with revision.

Announcements

Art Costantino reported that the Veterans Day event was well-attended. Local news coverage of the event was positive.

Management Group Meeting

John Carmichael described the agenda for the November 19 Management Group meeting. The agenda will include updates on accreditation, the move back into the Library building, the state budget, and the new, on-line leave system.

Council of Presidents Meeting

Les Purce described the recent Council of Presidents meeting. The group will not support the move to make Bellevue Community College a four-year institution. The group also discussed the HEC Board's system re-design work group and searched for common positions in response to the state's budget problems.

Policy Update

John Carmichael gave an update on the work of the Policy Advisory Committee. A proposed revision to the process for developing and approving policies is circulating for comment and should be approved by the end of fall quarter. The revised process would require that for every adopted policy, someone be identified to serve as the "steward" for that policy. The steward would be responsible for keeping the policy up-to-date. John distributed a proposed list of stewards for policies currently adopted or under development and invited the Vice Presidents to provide feedback.

John noted that the Health and Safety Committee is working on a revision to the campus smoking policy. He also said that a policy has been drafted regarding flyers and banners in the Library Lobby. He asked whether the group would support the Library posting policy. Based on the discussion, John will circulate the draft for review.

Speech on Red Square

Art Costantino summarized recent e-mail discussions about free speech on Red Square.

Flaming Eggplant

John Hurley reported that the Flaming Eggplant Café has inquired about offering catering on campus. Residential and Dining Services and Aramark will be consulted as the college prepares a response.

Background Checks

John Hurley said that background checks are not required for new hires, except in a handful of positions. Some areas choose to do background checks for new hires. Finance and Administration does background checks for all new hires. Background checks through the State Patrol used to be free, but now cost about ten or fifteen dollars each. The area doing the hiring is responsible for the cost.