

Senior Staff Meeting
March 2, 2009
Meeting Notes

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

Minutes

The notes from the previous meetings were approved.

Announcements

- Art Costantino reported that the men's Basketball team will go to the national playoffs.
- Todd Sprague urged the group to read through the Q&A posted on the budget website.
- Theresa Aragon noted that the Extended Education catalog is published.

Emergency Preparedness

Bruce Sutherland distributed copies of the revised Emergency Response Handbook and reviewed its contents. The handbook is posted on the Web. A tabletop exercise will be held on March 26.

Student Government Update

Art Costantino reported on the Geoduck Student Union. The GSU is working on reacting to Police Services rifle proposal, controversy related to the Israel-Palestine conflict, and the tearing down of flyers. Art was asked about the process for weighing the rifle proposal. He said that the Police Services Community Review Board hopes to provide its input in mid-Spring. The timeline for a final decision is uncertain.

Legislative Update

Julie Suchanek reviewed recent legislative activity. The early, unofficial revenue forecast projects a shortfall of \$8 billion. The caseload forecast may add to the problem and trigger further cuts in the current fiscal year. Legislative staff are working to understand the federal stimulus legislation. Some scenarios suggest that higher education would be cut more deeply and federal stimulus money would be used to offset the cuts, creating a larger problem when the stimulus money runs out. The Senate is discussing revenue enhancement options. Evergreen is voicing concerns about the capital budget. The local Chamber of Commerce has voiced support for Evergreen's capital budget request. Julie said that she continues to hear interest in regulatory relief. The House bill to change the capital prioritization process is moving forward. Julie will distribute a list of bills that survive cut-off later this week.

Vice President-Budget Coordinator Meeting

Art Costantino reported on the previous week's four-hour VP/BC meeting. The group discussed the "hard freeze," the federal stimulus money, the recommendations of the Faculty Advisory Panel, staff furloughs, fees, enrollment, and tuition. The group will also be having conversations about efficiencies, cross-divisional re-organizations, divisional plans, unemployment costs, reserve balances and bridge money.

Union-Management Update

John Hurley reported on the February 26 Union-Management meeting with the Federation. The group discussed the budget, and issues related to electric vehicle recharging, bulletin boards, and the holiday schedule.

Board of Trustees Agenda

John Carmichael distributed a draft copy of the March 11 Board of Trustees agenda. He also distributed a draft outline for the "Legislative and Budget Update" that will be delivered to the Board.