

**Senior Staff Meeting
February 1, 2010
Meeting Notes**

Attending: Don Bantz, Eddy Brown, John Carmichael, Art Costantino, Susan Harris, Lee Hoemann, John Hurley, Les Purce, Todd Sprague, Allen Toothaker, Steve Trotter, Laurel Uznanski
Absent: Steve Hunter, Julie Suchanek

Review of minutes

The minutes of the January 11, 2010 meeting were approved.

Additions to the agenda

Art Costantino added Naming of Beach Property to the agenda.

Announcements

- Eddy Brown announced that four faculty from the School for Designing a Society, will be the Dan Evans Scholars this year, teaching a class to the 1st year Critical Inquiries Cohort with Arun Chandra.
- Art Costantino announced that there was a panel sponsored by the Veteran's Success Group, the President's office and the Student Affairs office. The video will be used in other trainings and events.
- Art C. announced that the Puget Sound Student Affairs Colloquium was hosted at Saint Martin's University on January 26, 2010. Jason Kilmer was the keynote speaker.
- John Carmichael announced that the Unsoeld Seminar is this Thursday, February 4, 2010.
- Les announced that he recently attended and gave a speech at the National College Depression Partnership (NCDP) conference in New York. The organization does national work in assisting colleges and universities address issues of depression.
- Lee Hoemann announced that Ellsworth "Buster" Alvord passed away. She noted that the services will be held on March 4, 2010.
- Lee H. announced that the scholarship event was a success. There were approximately 170 people who attended.
- Lee H. announced that she, along with five members of the Board of Governors, attended the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) conference. The conference instilled a "new sense of mission" with regard to increasing fundraising efforts.

Check-in on Senior Staff Goals

John C. pointed out that it is currently the 5th week and of Winter quarter, half-way through the academic year. He distributed copies of the "Senior Staff Goals for 2009-10" for review. Later in the quarter, senior staff will assess progress made and begin work on spring reports. The President's office will schedule dates for summer retreats.

Management Group Meetings

John C. announced that there are some upcoming management group meetings. The upcoming meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2010 at 8:00am. The March meeting will focus on accreditation, as Ron Baker will be a guest.

Actions

- John C. will send out management meeting schedule (John C.).

Legislative Update

Les gave an update on the legislature. He noted that much of the policy focus is on tuition bills that will not affect the budget in the current biennium. Steve Trotter noted that other discussions occurring include

budget savings through directed reductions, such as furloughs and salary restrictions. John Hurley reported that the college requested \$125,000 for the biomass gasification project. There is much interest in the project, but little state money available. A walk-out is scheduled for Friday, February 5th. The group discussed a Spokesman-Review article examining salary increases at WSU.

Actions

- Compare any salary increases at TESC to those reported at WSU. (Steve T., Laurel U., Allen T. and John H).

Board of Trustee Follow-Up

Les and John C. met with the Executive Committee of the Board: Carver Gayton, Keith Kessler and Anne Proffitt. The Board reads material sent to it in advance of the meeting and asks that Board presentations do not repeat that information at length.

Naming of the Beach Property

One part of The Evergreen State College property is called Squaw Point, a designation offensive to many Native Americans. Art C. has been working with a group to look into renaming the point. He indicated that the group has invited the Squaxin Tribe to participate in the process of changing the name and were asked to propose options for a new name for the point. Art C. indicated that a native or Lushootseed name would be desirable. The name selected will be presented to a state committee responsible for geographic names. After state approval, the name will be changed on state maps. Changes to federal maps may follow. John C. indicated that it will be necessary to have Board of Trustees approval as part of the process.