

Senior Staff Meeting
May 3, 2010
Meeting Notes

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

Review of minutes

The minutes of the April 26, 2010 meeting were approved with one change.

Announcements

- John H. announced that a feasibility study will be undertaken by McKinstry for the Biomass Gasification project. The Evergreen biomass gasification project is a completely different technology than the project proposed in Shelton, WA. There may be additional federal funding dollars for energy projects.
- Eddy B. announced the Freshman Advising day is scheduled for this Friday, May 7, 2010.
- Art C. announced that Veterans Summit is scheduled for this Thursday and Friday the 6th and 7th of May. Registration for the conference is 275+.
- Eddy B. will find a dean to attend the senior staff retreat and subsequent senior staff meetings.

Board of Trustees Agenda

John C. distributed a draft of the BOT agenda. The final will be completed by the end of the day. Steve T. distributed copies of the draft "2010-11 Supplemental Budget Plan Summary." After review and discussion, it was decided to include page three and modify page four to include the fiscal years 2008-2011.

Decisions and Actions

- Include page three and modify page four of the 2010-11 Supplemental Budget Plan Summary for distribution to the Board (Steve T.).

Listening Sessions

Art C. distributed a draft copy of the flyer "Green for Greeners: The College Budget Today and Tomorrow" and asked for feedback. The sessions will include a little education first and then ask for questions. It was suggested that the text of the flyer include broader questions along the lines of "What's on your mind?", "What information do you want?", and "What kind of involvement is most useful?" Laurel U. and John H. will arrange a couple of general employee sessions. The sessions could be set up as a brown bag and can act as a space for people to be heard. Art C. will mention to Ken T. that using the PUC meetings as a time for faculty is a good idea. It should be assumed that there are different levels of awareness and understanding about the budget.

Decisions and Actions

- Arrange a couple of general employee listening sessions (Laurel U., John H.).
- A couple of administrators should be present at each listening session.
- Counts should be taken at each of the listening session.

Update on National Higher Education Policy Issues

Julie shared some of the themes emerging in discussions about higher education at the federal level. Topics include discussion on the role of state and federal funds, whether the business model is broken, and the return on investment for a four year degree.