

**Senior Staff Meeting
November 22, 2010
Meeting Notes**

Attending: Art Costantino, John Carmichael, Julie Garver, Susan Harris, Steve Hunter, John Hurley, Nancy Murray, Les Purce, Ken Tabbutt, Steve Trotter, Laurel Uznanski
Absent: Lee Hoemann, Todd Sprague
Guest: Amanda Walker

Review of Minutes

The November 15, 2010 minutes were approved with one change.

Announcements

- Ken T. attended the faculty meeting last week. There was a great discussion regarding RTaLE. 80% of faculty in attendance voted in favor to move forward and affirmed the document. The DTF has been recharged and the next step is to find a systematic way to implement the plan.
- Art C. announced that the CAB grand opening was a success. There was a nice write-up in the daily Olympian.

Rule-Making

An email was recently received from the Governor's office regarding a 12 month moratorium on rule-making. The order does not apply to higher education. The College currently has two pieces in process; the student conduct code revision and the public records WAC. We will continue with both.

Update on Revenue Forecast

Steve T. distributed the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council release dated November 18, 2010 and three spreadsheets: "Near General Fund Forecast, November 2010"; "2010-11 Sector Wide View of Potential Supplemental Budget Action"; and "What it?...". The Economic Revenue Forecast Council did not expect the gap to increase as much as it did. The forecast by Arun Raha added 385 million dollars to the gap for the remainder of the 09-11 biennium – adding another 4.6% necessary reduction. The gap for the 2011-13 biennium is estimated at 4.5 billion. The Evergreen share will be approximately 7.098 million or 15.17% of GFS. The Governor's budgets are expected out the week of December 13, 2010.

Follow-Up on Last Week's Meetings

House Democratic Caucus Meeting - Les P. attended the meeting last Thursday, November 18th. The meeting was hosted by Representatives Sells and Kenney. Others in attendance included Mike Reilly, Charlie Earl, and others. It was urged by those in attendance that the successes of the Washington State system be brought to the forefront.

Meeting with the Governor - Les P. met with the Governor along with the other Washington state public four-year college presidents on Tuesday, November 16th. There was discussion on cuts to higher education, how much in cuts higher education can tolerate, tuition increases, and the importance of the need grant. While we do not have a number for tuition increases, it would be good to start communications with the community – particularly with the GSU.

Higher Education Task Force Reception – Les P., other Washington state public four-year college presidents, and other Higher Education Task Force members attended a reception thanking the Higher Education Task Force. The reception was held at the home of Interim University of Washington President Phyllis Wise.

BOT Meeting – The BOT meeting was held Wednesday, November 17th. The reports were good. There were approximately 30 individuals that signed up and made public comment. The majority of public comment was on divestment. There were individuals supporting both sides of the question and included faculty, students and community members. It has been clearly relayed that the decision rests with the

President, not the Board of Trustees. The GSU went to the UFE for support on the divestment vote; however the UFE has not taken action. The faculty is looking at hosting a forum, possibly in the winter or spring quarter. A decision on what the forum will look like needs to be known by early January. Educational components might include a forum and an educational piece for the Board of Trustees. Other public comment included biomass. Some of the individuals speaking about biomass resorted to name calling, wearing masks that covered their faces and the dumping of woodchips on the board room table. There was considerable concern over the behavior of the individuals. The Sustainability Council is working toward a more formalized decision-making process for biomass. The Council will synthesize the data and work with the outside community. Data will be brought to the VPs for the decision making process. A portion of the feasibility study is being done by McKinstry, experts in the field. Additional elements will include an expert review. Once the study is done, it will assist the Council in synthesizing the data. These are incredibly complex issues.

Board of Governor's Meeting – The Board of Governor's Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010. The BOG was briefed on the college position relating to divestment, given Les' statements, and given copies of past resolutions. The BOG discussed the matter.

Decisions and Actions

- Art C. to talk with GSU regarding budget and tuition increases (Art C.).
- Ken T. to continue working on the forum regarding (divestment, Palestinian/Israeli conflict, with a focus on the educational process) and have decision on format made by early January (Ken T.).
- Steve T. to bring back plan for biomass process to Senior Staff (Steve T.).

Management Group Meeting

The original date slated for the management group meeting has fallen through. A new date is needed for the meeting. Focus of the meeting includes accreditation work, provide and respond to budget questions, and address exempt compensation plan and exempt forum/meeting.

Decisions and Actions

- John C. to find date/space for management group meeting in week 10 and send out invite (John C.).