

**Senior Staff Meeting  
February 7, 2011  
Meeting Notes**

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

**Review of Minutes**

The January 31, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

**Announcements**

- The pancake breakfast and auction will be held this Friday in L4300.
- The opinion piece submitted by Ken T. ran Thursday in the Olympian.
- There will be a special Board of Trustees meeting (by telephone) this Friday at 10:00am. The focus of the meeting will be on the clock tower retrofit.
- Bill Stevens passed away last week. Bill was a long time supporter of the college.

**Noel Levitz Follow-up Process**

Noel Levitz presented last Monday to various groups. The VPs met Tuesday afternoon to look toward an institutional recommendation. Steve H. was asked to work through an estimate of costs and consider additional costs that might be incurred (including recruitment). He is planning to have penciled things out by the end of the month and report back to the VPs as quickly as able.

Decisions and Actions

- The Senior Staff meeting scheduled for Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> is changed to Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00-3:00pm due to the President's day holiday (all).

**Legislative Issues**

The Senate supplemental budget passed out last week. Twenty-five million is cut from the State Need Grant. It appears the accelerated 3% salary cuts do not include higher education.

The Promise Coalition held an event at the capitol last week. There was good media coverage. The launch was to raise visibility of the higher education discussion. Les P. started off the press conference with the students being the focal point.

Les P, along with Presidents from Central, Eastern and Western, participated in editorial boards in Seattle and Tacoma last week. Les was asked to do an op ed piece on higher education for the Tacoma News Tribune.

**Biomass Gasification**

Steve Trotter reviewed recent public meetings on biomass gasification, including the county's hearings on their moratorium. The Evergreen Sustainability Council has been busy with everything going on. They have been pulled in many different directions. The focus of the group should be on the science, not external issues and politics. The report from the Council should be completed by early March.

Dani Madrone attended the last Geoduck Union meeting asking the GSU to support the Thurston County moratorium and support the letter she wrote to the Vice Presidents and then to President Purce.

To reach the carbon neutrality goal by 2020, it is necessary to find a replacement for natural gas. The college will be unable to reach the goal without a change.

The McKinstry report has come back and shows the project is viable. Emissions show as the same as natural gas and would be financially feasible long term. The question remains as to whether the biomass project would be carbon neutral or carbon benefit. Evergreen's process is intended to make certain that

the full carbon cycle is analyzed and the project would be beneficial for the environment and the community. While there is a perception that a decision has been made by Evergreen because of moving forward with obtaining grants, a decision to move forward with the project has not been made.

<u>Decisions and Actions</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Sustainability Council will give recommendations based upon the review of scientific analysis surrounding biomass gasification to the VPs the first week of March (Steve T.).</li></ul>