

**Senior Staff Meeting**  
**April 25, 2011**  
**Meeting Notes**

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

**Review of Minutes**

The April 18, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

**Announcements**

- There were more car break-ins over the weekend and a drug dealer was apprehended by police.
- There will be a press release today announcing the new UW President.
- The Agenda Committee is meeting on Wednesday. Information for the faculty governance list is needed prior the meeting. The list was distributed indicating missing information.

Decisions and Actions

- Provide information for the governance list to Julie Slone today (all).

**Legislative Update**

A special session starts on Tuesday. Art, Les and Julie visited the capitol to talk with a legislator regarding a proposed amendment addressing the capital and operating funding for The Evergreen State College in the state budget. An amendment restricting non-resident enrollment only affects institutions with 15,000+ students.

**RTALE**

The DTF presented proposals to the faculty last Wednesday. The discussion centered on old issues: why this was being done now, workload implications, and what to do with the rest of the curriculum. The three proposals currently under consideration are: 1) A credit generating academic statement would be done yearly with a value of 2 credits. An additional week would be added to the calendar. This week would be called festival week and would include academic advising and interaction with faculty and students. Compensation for this extra work would need to be negotiated. The academic statement would replace student self evaluations. This is the preferred model; 2) a bookend model would have students prepare statements their entering year and their senior year; and 3) an in/out of program hybrid model (not fully developed). All models are credit generating for students. Three more meetings are planned this spring.

**Budget Forum**

The all community budget forum is scheduled for 3:30pm today. Questions regarding the 3% salary increase, 6% pension cap, and equity in cuts are expected. Les P. will start off the discussion and then open it up to questions. The same handout used for the student forum will be used today as well. Key points to be made: 1) the college will follow the law prescribed; 2) the college will be as equitable as possible within the prescribed law; and 3) the college will try to be as transparent as possible and respond as quickly as able.

Decisions and Actions

- Important to address that if individuals have feedback, it is handled at the divisional level. Comments and suggestions should be made to divisional managers and budget coordinators. Don't wait too long for suggestions. Things will move fast (Les P.).

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The special Board of Trustee meeting is this Thursday. The focus of the meeting will be to approve the mission statement and discuss collective bargaining objectives. The management objectives will be finalized at the May meeting. We may not have a clear outcome on the budget at the May meeting.