

Senior Staff Meeting
August 29, 2011
Meeting Notes

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

Facilitation

Todd S. facilitated the meeting.

Review of Minutes

The August 8, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

Announcements

- Evergreen closed applications for fall admittance last Friday for the Olympia campus. We are continuing to accept applications for the Tacoma and tribal programs.
- There was an editorial in the *Olympian* regarding salaries for state employees. The editorial targeted salaries for sports and higher education.

Update on COP

The COP Summit was held last Monday and Tuesday. Les P., Michael Z., and Julie G. attended. COP feels there is a strong case for no more cuts to higher education. A communications package regarding why there should be no more cuts will be put together. More discussion will be had with Trustees and Regents to develop a communications strategy. It is unknown if the College Promise Coalition will be included in those discussions.

Decisions and Actions

- Touch base with Mike Reilly regarding the College Promise Coalition (Todd S.).

High School Teacher Recognition Award

Michael Z. proposed a Teacher Recognition program similar to one he implemented at two other institutions with good success. The program brings focus to liberal arts and provides good publicity. The Provost would send an email to incoming students asking for nominations of a teacher who made a difference in the student's life. Nominated teachers are given a certificate, a decal and information about what the student wrote. A press release is sent to the local media. Costs and time commitments are low and include preparing and printing certificates, creating and printing a decal, preparing press releases, and the time spent on the administration of the program. The program usually sees approximately a 10-20% response from incoming students. The email is sent out approximately 2-3 weeks before the students arrive on campus.

Decisions and Actions

- Michael Z. will proceed with implementation and administration of the Teacher Recognition Award Program (Michael Z.).
- Steve H. to provide an email list of incoming students to Michael (Steve H., Michael Z.).