

Senior Staff Meeting
February 27, 2012
Meeting Notes

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

Minutes

The minutes of the January 9 and February 13 meetings were approved with changes.

Announcements

- Finalists for the internal auditor position are interviewing this week and next.
- The Diversity and Equity Committee published a report on quantitative indicators.

Accreditation Update

Michael Zimmerman reported on accreditation reporting. The Standard 2 report will be due in the fall of 2013. He also distributed two recommendations received from the Commission related to the Standard 1 report. The group discussed the recommendations, which suggest that the reviewers and the college had different understandings of the Commission's new accreditation process.

Legislative Update

Jane Wall reviewed recent legislative activity. The House budget proposal would cut \$65 million from higher education institutions (\$30 million from 4-year institutions and \$35 million from 2-year institutions) and \$10 million from the State Need Grant. For Evergreen, this is a \$1.1 million cut split evenly across the fiscal years. In addition, the House would give \$600,000 to Evergreen to increase enrollments in STEM fields. The Senate budget is expected this week.

Evergreen is seeking legislative changes that would allow the college to avoid the 3% compensation reduction for classified staff scheduled to take effect July 1. The college is also seeking legislative clarification of employment classification for a position at the Washington State Institute for Public Policy. We also continue to work on regulatory relief bills and performance agreement language.

Board of Trustees

The Senior Staff discussed the February 15 Board meeting. John Carmichael said that the Board members have asked for another meeting in March. He is working to schedule a meeting after the end of the legislative session. In addition to reviewing legislative and state budget actions, the meeting agenda would include appointment of a negotiating team for classified collective bargaining.

Agenda Planning

John Carmichael distributed a list of DTFs and workgroups scheduled to report over Winter and Spring quarters. These reports will form part of the Senior Staff agenda for the remainder of the year.