

Senior Staff Meeting
April 1, 2013
Meeting Notes

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

South Puget Sound Community College

Tim Stokes, President of South Puget Sound Community College, joined the group for discussion. Topics included Western Governors University and opportunities for collaboration in service to veterans, tribes, and international students.

<u>Decisions and Actions</u>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The group will identify any follow-up actions at a future meeting. |
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Announcements

- Lee Hoemann reminded the group of the Art of Living event on Friday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m.
- Michael Zimmerman reported that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is expected to award a grant to fund a significant expansion of the Gateways program.
- Les Purce announced that he will be out of the office for minor surgery starting on Tuesday, April 2.

Legislative Update

Steve Trotter summarized Governor Inslee's budget proposal. The governor's budget would restore the 3% compensation reduction but would provide no other direct help for compensation. Institutions would be allowed to increase resident undergraduate tuition at varying rates. For Evergreen and the three comprehensive universities, resident undergraduate tuition would increase 3% per year. Some additional funding would be provided for the College Bound Scholarship and State Need Grant programs, although the increase in funding is calculated to keep pace with current investments, not expand the program. In addition, a new pool of money directed toward STEM would be administered through OFM. The pool for Evergreen and the comprehensive universities is \$11 million.