

**Senior Staff Meeting
April 8, 2013
Meeting Notes**

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

Review of Minutes

The April 1, 2013 minutes were approved as written.

Announcements

- Eastern Washington State University now has an exempt bargaining unit. They are now the second four-year public college/university in Washington State with an exempt bargaining unit.
- The Art of Living went very well. It was Friday evening venue.
- The Thurston County Food Bank has opened up a satellite branch on campus. It is uncertain as what the level of use will be. Feasibility will be assessed after the quarter.
- Next week's Senior Staff agenda will include work on strategic planning and an update on the website.
- The annual pancake auction is scheduled for the Friday. This year's auction will include several baskets filled with various items in a live auction.

Legislative Update

The Governor Inslee budget is similar to the one released by Governor Gregoire. The Senate has passed a biennial operating budget and is perceived as bi-partisan. It looks to include full funding with the exception of classified CBAs. There seems to be a multiple understandings of maintenance funding for higher education. This budget funds \$1.5 million for core, 935 thousand for completion and retention, minus 365 thousand for administrative efficiency/LEAN - this is with no tuition increase. The House budget is expected out on Wednesday. Other things to watch include the international student surcharge and the bill to lower tuition by 3%.

Kudos were given by President Purce to Tracy Hall for her financial aid presentations and support of the institution. Thanks were also given to all of Senior Staff for their hard work during this difficult time.

With regard to financial aid, it is likely that the tuition increase will land between 0%-3%. It was noted that Governor Inslee released the citizen council members on WSAC. It is not yet decided who will replace them.

Enrollment Update

A copy of "The Evergreen State College: Fall Undergraduate Application Progress 2010-2013" was distributed to Senior Staff. Overall, the college is down about 3% from 2012 and best guess is we will be over 4213 fte this fall. It is expected that we will have a larger graduation class this June.