

**Senior Staff Meeting  
December 9, 2013  
Meeting Notes**

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

**Review of Minutes**

The minutes for the November 25, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

**Announcements**

- Approximately a week and a half ago a college van, driven by a student was totaled while on a field trip. There were no injuries. The accident caused a five-car pile-up.
- Reference checks will be conducted for a business bidding on the compensation survey work.
- Sandy Kaiser is working on bringing local community leaders to campus in January.

**Graduation Speakers**

Susan H. distributed copies of the "2014 Graduation Speaker Bios", listing possible graduation speakers.

Decisions and Actions

- Review the "2014 Graduation Speaker Bios" document and notify Michele Elhardt or Steve H. by 2pm this afternoon with any names you would like removed (all).

**Staff Recognition**

The Staff recognition lunch is a week from Tuesday, during evaluation week. The event will be held in the gym. The event will include a 12 minute media show. Les P. will be the master of ceremonies and the VPs will recognize their 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service employees.

Decisions and Actions

- VPs to keep recognition of employees very simple and brief (VPs).

**Upcoming Events**

Next Monday will be the last Senior Staff meeting until 2014. Laurel and Neil will join the VP meeting next Monday after the Senior Staff meeting. Rip Heminway will be joining the January 6, 2014 meeting to show Senior Staff an option to TescTalk.

At the January 13 meeting, Maguire will present their findings and recommendations. The Senior Staff meeting will be devoted to this presentation. A forum for staff involved in the evaluation will also be scheduled that day.

The Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2014.

**Legislative Update**

Session begins January 13, 2014 and is scheduled to end March 13, 2014. The Governor's budget is scheduled for released December 19, 2013. There is a new Democratic leader in the Senate – Sharon Nelson. Major topics of discussion at the legislature include a move to a semester system for K-20 and the WSAC Roadmap. The college may be asked to present to the Legislature on the WSAC Roadmap. Topics could include changing demographics, concept of growth, niche populations/outreach, and retention. Julie G. reviewed the "Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium" hand out.