

**Senior Staff Meeting  
January 6, 2014  
Meeting Notes**

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

**Review of Minutes**

The minutes for the December 9, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

**Additions to the Agenda**

No additions were made to the agenda.

**Announcements**

- The scholarship reception is scheduled for this Sunday, January 12, 2014 in the Longhouse.
- John H. was wished a happy birthday.

**Replacing TESCTalk**

Rip Hemingway gave a presentation on Greener Commons, an alternative to TESCTalk and TESCCrier. A handout was given to Senior Staff outlining the work of the Internal Communications workgroup. Approximately a year and a half ago, a committee was charged with looking into identifying different communication strategies for possible implementation. It has been a longer process than anticipated. Several platforms were considered and the platform Discourse was chosen to move forward with. A small pilot program, "Greener Commons" will be opened up once a project manager is identified. The expected start date of the pilot is within the next month. After the pilot is complete, an announcement will be made about the new platform and TESCCrier and TESCTalk will be taken down. This platform will not do away with potential abuse. Moderators will be identified to work with the system.

**Fall Applications**

Steve H. distributed a copy of "The Evergreen State College: Fall Undergraduate Application Progress 2011-2014". The college is approximately 4% down in application activity compared to last year. Community College in-state transfer students and non-resident high school students show the highest drop in activity. Steve H. will continue to monitor application activity. February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the priority deadline.

**Board of Trustees Agenda**

John C. distributed a draft annotated agenda for the Wednesday, January 15, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting. The quorum will be met, however not all trustees will be in attendance.

<u>Decisions and Actions</u>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John C. to let Senior Staff know if they should attend the BOT/GSU lunch on Wednesday (John C., all).</li></ul> |
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**Other**

Maguire Associates will be attending the next Senior Staff meeting to present findings.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John C. to send out reading material regarding the McGuire findings (John C.).</li></ul> |
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