

**Senior Staff Meeting
September 15, 2014
Meeting Notes**

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

Review of Minutes

The September 8, 2014 minutes were approved as written.

Announcements

- Faculty member Jose Gomez passed away. Services are planned today at 1:30pm. A celebration of Life will be planned for a later date.
- The Scholars Program and the Evergreen Student Civic Engagement Institute Program both started Sunday night.
- The Board of Governor's retreat held at Islandwood on Bainbridge Island went well last Friday and Saturday.
- Meryl Lipman, the new Media and Community Relations Manager started working at the college today.
- Lisa Pemberton of the Olympian is currently working on several stories regarding the college for potential publication.

COP/Legislative Update

Various newspaper articles have been sent to Senior Staff regarding the Governor's request for a 15% budget reduction plan. All state agencies, including the six public higher education institutions, were requested to provide a plan. As usual, the six baccalaureate institutions are unable to provide detailed cut plans. Their responses will describe the scope of potential effects. Given years of cuts, institutions are expected to emphasize that further reductions will result in either a reduction in enrollment or an increase in tuition. A letter from COP will be revised today for submission to the Governor. With the apparent inevitability of state funding reductions, this group will need to pay attention to the college's budget planning process. A future meeting will include a review of the past year's process and an open discussion about how to structure this year's process. The Governor's budget to be released in December 2014 and the strategic plan slated for completion in January 2015 will both help guide the college in the budget planning process.

Decisions and Actions

- Continue discussion on budget planning process at a later date when more Senior Staff members are present (John C.).

Board of Trustees Meeting

A draft agenda was distributed and reviewed with Senior Staff.

Weekend Events

A special lunch for a select group of new student families and hosted by the Foundation will be held in the Board Room and Advancement Suite Saturday September 20th. To date, 94 have indicated plans to attend. That same evening from 4-6pm, the new student reception will be held in the CRC. The event consists of a 25 minute program, then time to mix and mingle.

Decisions and Actions

- Those interested in attending the special lunch to assist with cultivation, please contact Amanda W. (all).