

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

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

Greener Commons

Noel M. and Rip T. updated Senior Staff on the results of the Greener Commons implementation. They gave an overview of the numbers, trends and behaviors of the users. The top three posting categories include 1) Community Events; 2) Campus Life; and 3) Housing/Roommates. Academics had the most views. To date, there have been 2155 topics and 5788 posts with approximately 1844 engaged users. Evaluation of the Greener Commons will continue through winter quarter. Evaluation will include testing the infrastructure, finalize and formalize, and then make a decision on whether to continue the program.

Review of Minutes

The December 8, 2014 minutes were approved with two changes.

Additions to the Agenda

COP was added to the agenda.

Announcements

- The GSU elections closed December 5, 2014. There were four candidates for the first year GSU slots and three questions related to smoking. A minimum of 25% student body participation is necessary to pass referendums or initiatives. A total of 19% students participated in this election. However, as voting from representatives does not fall under a referendum or initiative, the votes for all four candidates will be accepted. The election results showed that the students who voted do not want a smoke free campus and would prefer a smoke free campus core. The results were unknown for a question related to the banning of the sale of tobacco products. With a change to a non-smoking core campus, a smoking policy change is not needed as the current policy does not address the number or locations of smoking areas

Decisions and Actions

- Materials related to converting to a non-smoking core campus to be completed and sent to Laurel U. (John H., Laurel U.)
- Laurel U. to forward materials on to the unions for review and comment (Laurel U.).

Council of Presidents (COP)

There is discussion regarding the Independent colleges joining with the public research and regional institutions to support the message of financial aid. Work on a joint communication will begin soon. Neither book 1 nor book 2 of the Governor's budget is expected to be particularly good for Higher Education. The numbers are expected Thursday, December 18, 2014.