

Senior Staff Meeting
April 13, 2009
Meeting Notes

Attending: Theresa Aragon, Don Bantz, John Carmichael, Art Costantino, Lee Hoemann, Steve Hunter, John Hurley, Todd Sprague, Julie Suchanek, Allen Toothaker, Steve Trotter
Absent: Les Purce

Minutes

The notes from the previous meetings were approved with one correction.

Announcements

- John Carmichael reported that Susan Harris would attend future Senior Staff meetings to take notes.
- Steve Hunter provided a preliminary report of 10th day enrollment numbers. He estimates Annual Average enrollment for the year at 4,470 FTE.

Faculty Governance Assignments

Don Bantz distributed a draft list of faculty governance assignments for next year.

Action: Give Don additions or deletions to the governance assignments list by April 20.
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Legislative & Budget Update

Julie Suchanek reported that the legislative budgets are currently in the Rules Committees. The Council of Presidents is advocating that the budget include minimal provisos and provide maximum flexibility on tuition and enrollment. Some legislators have begun to talk publicly about the possibility of a Special Session. Julie reported on policy bills in the legislature, noting that Senator Zarelli's bill would require more on-line courses, reduce tuition waiver authority, and penalize students earning excess credits.

Julie also reported that the Curriculum for the Bioregion will be included in the federal earmark requests of Representatives Baird, Dicks and Smith. The Senators' earmark requests will be published soon.

Don Bantz reported on the budget discussion at the faculty meeting. The faculty will schedule a meeting after April 29 for more deliberation on the budget. Steve Trotter reported on the student budget forum, where turnover was lower than last time. There were questions about the wall between capital and operating budgets. Students spoke to the value of the CAL, Evening and Weekend Studies, the Writing Center, the Longhouse, Gateways, the Reservation-Based program, and conditional admissions.

Steve Trotter reviewed the schedule, noting a number of constraints. The group discussed the timeline, noting several milestones, including:

1. Produce a draft integrated list of proposed budget reductions. The VPs and Budget Coordinators will do this at their **April 15 meeting**.
2. Present the draft integrated list to the President. The VPs will do this on **April 20**.
3. Check in with union leadership. John Hurley and Don will do this.
4. Have individual conversations with people whose jobs are at risk in the draft integrated list. The VPs will work to accomplish this by **April 22**.
5. Have divisional meetings, if desired. These can occur after the individual conversations are complete in all divisions.
6. Share the draft integrated list with the campus. This will occur in the Management Group meeting and all-campus forum, both on **April 29**.

Actions: The Management Group meeting will be rescheduled to April 29. The timeline summarized above will be reviewed and finalized at the April 15 meeting of the VPs and Budget Coordinator.

Fundraising Update

Lee Hoemann distributed an update on fundraising. The Annual Fund continues to run about 10 percent behind last year. Lee thanked the group for their participation in giving.

Extended Education

Theresa Aragon announced that the Extended Education program will be suspended on September 30. The sharp drop in employee training by state agencies will prevent the program from breaking even this year.