

Senior Staff Meeting
May 10, 2010
Meeting Notes

Attending: Eddy Brown, John Carmichael, Art Costantino, Susan Harris, Lee Hoemann, Steve Hunter,
John Hurley, Les Purce, Todd Sprague, Ken Tabbutt, Steve Trotter, Laurel Uznanski
Absent: Julie Suchanek

Review of minutes

The minutes of the May 3, 2010 meeting were approved.

Announcements

- Eddy B. announced that Nancy Murray has agreed to be the Deans' Representative for Senior Staff next year. She will attend the upcoming retreat.

Debrief previous week's events

Freshman Advising Day: Attendance was full at the freshman advising day and Steve H. indicated it was the largest crowd seen in the longhouse. There were 85 more freshmen registered than last year, bringing this year's total freshman to 580. Resident freshman admits are up by approximately 70. Other institutions do not seem to be having the same increase of resident freshmen as Evergreen. Over 100 parents signed up for the parents club at the event. Steve H. expressed concern about a Banner glitch in the CAL Lab and about faculty attendance. Eddy B. described travel commitments and other constraints that prevented some faculty from attending.

Veterans Summit: Art Costantino described the Veterans Summit held last Thursday and Friday. The summit focused on educators providing services to returning veterans, many of whom return with PTSD or traumatic brain injuries. Approximately 200 individuals attended the event, with a lower number attending on Friday afternoon.

GSU "Listening" session: Art reported that Steve T., Wendy E., and Julie Suchanek were present at the GSU listening session the previous week. Approximately 15-20 students attended. The session started with information sharing and then moved to conversation. Some of the questions were how students can help, what are the specific budgets (i.e.; Police Services), and what are administrator salaries. Several ideas came out of the conversations, including providing a budget glossary and providing a banner on the web page pointing to budget information.

Labor Relations

John Hurley noted the use of campus email by the faculty union and a recent CPJ article suggesting that student workers might replace custodial employees. Incidents like these send an unintended and negative message to the classified bargaining unit and erode trust.

Decisions and Actions

- Learn more about the genesis of the CPJ article on custodial work in the CAB (Art C.).

JLARC Study

Steve T. distributed a copy of "Transparency in Higher Education Data," the audit plan from JLARC. Evergreen submitted documents to JLARC last Thursday. The auditor team will visit campus later in the month. A public hearing will be held in September 2010. Senior leadership is expected to present at the September hearing.

Decisions and Actions

- Ken T., John H. and others as needed, will present at the JLARC public hearing in September 2010.

HEC Board presentation to the AWB

John Carmichael noted that the HEC Board will be making a presentation to the Association of Washington Business on the effects of budget cuts in higher education. They have invited institutions to provide information. Julie Suchanek will be working with the HEC Board staff.

Board Agenda

John C. distributed a copy of the BOT agenda for Tuesday May 11 and Wednesday May 12, 2010. The group discussed the format for the budget presentation.