

Senior Staff Meeting
May 16, 2011
Meeting Notes

Attending: John Carmichael, Art Costantino, Julie Garver, Susan Harris, Lee Hoemann, Steve Hunter,
John Hurley, Nancy Murray, Ken Tabbutt, Laurel Uznanski
Absent: Les Purce, Steve Trotter

Review of Minutes

The May 9, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

Announcements

- Steve T. is on jury duty this week.
- The Longhouse received the official letter from the Ford Foundation and the grant funding is expected within the next few weeks.
- The results for the student technology survey were emailed to Senior Staff. A discussion will be held this Thursday in Art C's office at 11:00am. Senior Staff members are welcome to join in the discussion.

Legislative Update

Julie S. distributed three handouts highlighting 2SHB 1795, also referred to as the Carlyle Bill. She reviewed the key points of the bill with Senior Staff. There appears to be a tentative agreement to delay implementation of the bill eliminating the HEC Board.

Cell Tower Process

CLUC wanted community input on the cell tower; therefore Ken T. sent an email out to the campus community requesting such. While feedback was being sought on the aesthetics of the cell tower, concerns were raised regarding possible effects on health. The administration is not seeking campus consultation on whether to locate a cell antenna on campus or choosing the carrier(s). The decision to proceed with the cell antenna was made by the Vice Presidents. It was noted the CLUC does have student representation and the Environmental Health and Safety Officer, Robyn Herring sits on the committee.

Decisions and Actions

- The Vice Presidents made a formal decision to proceed with the cell antenna and agreed that it be located on the clock tower.
- Move forward with the CLUC process.
- Art C. to take survey results to the GSU (Art C.)
- Discuss next steps and meet with CLUC regarding cell tower. Recommend CLUC send out communication clarifying the process and explain the only feedback requested is on aesthetics (John H., Ken T.).

Retreat Planning

A list of four possible dates for the VP and Senior Staff retreats was sent out. There are a few potential conflicts on each of these dates. John C. will talk with those with conflicts and then email the confirmed dates out when known.

Decisions and Actions

- Contact John C. in the next 48 hours with any suggestions on content, facilitation, and timing for the VP and Senior Staff retreats (all).

Board Meeting Recap

There were a large number of attendees for the public comment period at the last Board meeting. Two comments were related to collective bargaining, with the rest related to divestment (a few against, the majority pro-divestment). Individuals respected time limits. Many of the comments indicated that the

President's decision made regarding divestment is not clear. There was question on whether there is something the college can do as an educational piece.

Decisions and Actions

- Consider a new statement to clarify divestment decision from the President. Possibly place online for easy reference (Les P., John C., Todd S.).

Lab Annex and Sustainable Agriculture Lab Openings

The arts annex and the agriculture lab have recently been completed. It was suggested that the grand openings occur on the same day and coincide with the Board of Trustees meeting in September.

Decisions and Actions

- Facilities and the building occupants (Academics) to take the lead for the September 19th grand openings for the arts annex and the agriculture lab (Ken T., John H.).

Bargaining Unit Update

Laurel sent an email update on the new bargaining unit to Senior Staff on Friday. A formal letter addressing next steps is expected from PERC soon. There are 53 individuals on the list, with an additional three being challenged - a potential of 56 individuals named to the bargaining unit.

Tesctalk Discussion

With regard to the Mother Earth/Transphobic discussion occurring on tesctalk – the discussion is relevant to two historically oppressed populations.

Decisions and Actions

- Art C. will check in with the Bias Incident Response Team (Art C.).