

Senior Staff Meeting
September 24, 2012
Meeting Notes

Attending: John Carmichael, Art Costantino, Susan Harris, Lee Hoemann, Steve Hunter, John Hurley, Sarah Pedersen, Todd Sprague, Laurel Uznanski, Jane Wall, Michael Zimmerman
Absent: Julie Garver, Les Purce, Steve Trotter

Review of Minutes

The September 10, 2012 minutes were approved with one change.

Additions to the Agenda

No additions were made to the agenda.

Announcements

- Art C. attended the first global summit on Student Affairs. The summit, which was held in New York City, had 45 attendees representing 25 countries.
- The NASPA Region V Distinguished Service Award will be awarded to Art Costantino this year.
- Todd S. will speak to a bidder for the Economic Impact Statement RFP later today.

Debrief of Orientation Week

Board Meeting: The board meeting was short, with substantive discussion about enrollment, college rankings and the college's reputation. John C. thanked senior staff members for their contributions. The next board meeting will include a work session and board retreat. The regular business meeting will be held on November 13th in the Board room and the retreat will be held on November 14th at the Capital Museum Coach House. The Board of Governors will be meeting on campus on the 13th of November as well. Some interests of the Board include; the college's national reputation, innovation, and technology (including distance education). The business meeting will include a more formal enrollment report and retention report. Anne Proffitt's term ends in September; however she has agreed to serve another term. The Governor has re-nominated Anne, but final action on the appointment will be up to the next Governor and legislature. A special board meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 28, 2012. The meeting will be short and includes approval of the classified employees' 2013-2015 collective bargaining agreement with the Washington Federation of State Employees and public comment.

Convocation: Convocation was very well attended. Approximately 200-300 students were in line to get the book signed by the keynote speaker Carlotta Walls Lanier. The convocation was equally crowded in Tacoma where the overflow room was used.

Academic Retreat: The academic retreat, which was held on campus in L4300, was well attended. Michael Z. noted that many staff and faculty participated in reading and discussion of the common text.

Family and Friends Weekend: Art C. distributed compiled survey result from the Family and Friends Weekend held September 15th and 16th, 2012. The survey was completed by a mix of parents and students. Art C. indicated that 741 attended the required diversity session, 768 attended the required self care session, and 550 attended the President's brunch. Concerns voiced included keeping the CRC open during orientation week and the book may not have been sent out early enough.

GSU Retreat: John C., Michael Z., John H., and Lee H., from Senior Staff attended the GSU retreat with approximately 10-15 GSU students. Many members are sophomores. There is interest from the GSU in helping with recruitment. Some noted that they had not heard about Evergreen while attending high

school. Concerns and discussions included recruitment, residence halls, food contract and online education. There was a genuine concern with the quality of campus life and GSU students seem to be eager to help and be a part of the solution.

Decisions and Actions

- Find out what student were required to attend the mandatory sessions (Art C.).
- Check to see if the Family and Friends Weekend survey data can be disaggregated by students and parents (Art C.).

WSAC Strategic Planning

Michael Z. attended the first Washington Student Achievement Council strategic planning meeting last Tuesday. Don Bennett is serving as Interim Executive Director. Two additional meetings are scheduled, location is to be determined. Citizen member, Brian Baird, led the meeting. It was suggested that the council start by looking at the HEC Board master plan. It has been suggested that the Presidents draft a letter of welcome to the WSAC which identifies priorities.

Classified Collective Bargaining

A summary of the tentative agreement was distributed to Senior Staff. The agreement still needs to be ratified by the union, approved by the Board, and submitted to OFM to assess financial feasibility. Final implementation will be up to the legislature.

Latino Education Policy Forum

The Latino Education Policy Forum is scheduled for Friday, October 5, 2012 at the SeaTac Hilton Hotel. The legislative panel includes Senator Rosemary McAuliffe, Senator Ed Murray, Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos, and Rep. Larry Seaquist. Jane Wall and Paul Gallegos are planning to attend and it is hoped someone from academics can attend as well.

Decisions and Actions

- Identify an individual from academics to attend the upcoming Latino Education Policy Forum on Friday, October 5, 2012. Provide name of academics attendee to Susan H. (Michael Z.).

Smoking Policy

Last spring, the Agenda Committee emailed Les P. regarding the possibility of banning smoking on campus. The issue was tabled until fall. Current policy states that Evergreen is a smoke free campus except in designated smoking areas. Cigarettes are only sold on campus at the corner store. Governance groups and the unions would have an interest in this topic and need to be included in the process. The Health and Safety Committee has in the past been part of the process. It was noted that there are an increasing number of campuses that have successfully implemented a smoke free campus policy.

Decisions and Actions

- Vice Presidents to charge the Health and Safety Committee to develop a process to update the smoking policy (VPs).