

Senior Staff Meeting November 5, 2012 Meeting Notes

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

Absent: Julie Garver **Guest:** Laura Coughlan

Review of Minutes

The October 29, 2012 minutes were approved as written.

Announcements

To date, 1300 have responded to the alumni survey.

Fall-to-Fall Retention

Data for the Fall to Fall Retention was distributed to senior staff. Retention looks the same as last year at 81%. The drop in retention at the Tacoma is concentrated among white/non-identified students. Retention for in-state transfers dropped 2.3%. Retention for veterans rebounded to 84% retention, which is much higher than reported national average retention for this group.

NSSE Survey

Laura Coghlan joined the meeting to discuss the NSSE survey. NSSE results were distributed for review. The results were very positive – great news all around. Next year NSSE will release version 2.0, which is a substantially revised survey. The revised survey will be administered by web only, which may adversely affect our response rate.

Decisions and Actions

- Steve H. and Todd S. to talk more about who the NSSE audience is and how to reach them (Steve H. and Todd S.).

Board of Trustees Agendas

Draft copies of the Board of Trustees agendas were distributed. John C. announced that the new GSU Representative is Sebastiano Trinh. The business meeting in the Board Room is scheduled at 10:00am on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 and the Board Retreat is scheduled to start at 9:00am on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at the coach house. The Vice Presidents are scheduled to attend the first half of the retreat from 9:00-1:00pm. Lunch will be provided.

Decisions and Actions

- Vice Presidents plan to attend the BOT retreat from 9:00-1:00pm at the Coach House on Wednesday November 13, 2012 (VPs).
- If you have anything for the BOT agenda, please contact John C. by the end of the day (all).

Check In On Recent Media Coverage

Approximately 100 emails have been forwarded to Todd S. in regard to the incident in the CRC with a transgender student in the locker room. Todd S. has responded to about half of the emails. Jason W. has fielded about a dozen calls. Calls and emails are coming in from around the county. The Alliance for Defending Freedom has not yet been responded to. The main concerns being heard are related to the safety of children. Most coverage is online rather than mainstream media.

Exempt Staff Bargaining

There is a plan for exempt staff union members to gather in red square Wednesday at noon. The USAS delivered a letter to the President earlier and a response has been written. There was no contact information given, so the response letter was not sent. A copy of that response was distributed to Senior Staff.