

Senior Staff Meeting
January 26, 2015
Meeting Notes

Attending: John Carmichael, Wendy Endress, Susan Harris, Lee Hoemann, Steve Hunter, John Hurley, Nancy Murray, Les Purce, Todd Sprague, Steve Trotter, Laurel Uznanski, Amanda Walker, Michael Zimmerman
Absent: Julie Garver

Review of Minutes

The January 12, 2015 minutes were approved with one change.

Additions to the Agenda

AAC&U was added to the agenda.

Announcements

- The Jose Gomez memorial was well attended. A nice write-up ran in the Olympian.
- There was good exposure in the Olympian regarding Alumna Audrey Marrs.
- The Olympian also ran a good story with two photos on Evergreen's Women's Basketball team.
- The Chili and Change auction to raise money for the Costantino scholarship was a success. This event which was hosted by Student Affairs surpassed the goal and raised over \$2500.00.

"Real Food" Challenge

The non-profit organization's primary mission is to shift expenditures to "real food". Student activists at the college are calling for the college to embrace the challenge. The students have been working on the initiative for over a year and have been effectively working with dining services, the GSU, and student groups. Several drafts of the commitment have been made. The final draft asks for a commitment of 28% "real food" on campus, funding for a student to enter the calculations, and appointment of a standing committee to support and engage in promotions and marketing about "real food". Those involved believe that this ask is reasonable and attainable. If the college moves quickly on signing the commitment, Evergreen could be the second Washington State College/University to sign on. It was noted that Aramark, who has been in these discussions, have seven more years on the contract with the college. The students working on the initiative, along with Wendy E., Sharon G. and Catherine (Aramark) will meet with President Purce in the near future. If the decision is to move forward, a formal signing of the commitment will be held.

Decisions and Actions

- Present the "Real Food" report to the Board of Trustees at the March meeting (Wendy E.).
- Add "Real Food" report to the Board of Trustee March meeting agenda (John C.).
- Wendy E. to send out information on the "Real Food" Challenge to Senior Staff (Wendy E.).

Presidential Search Update

All dates have been confirmed for the four candidate's campus interviews. The schedule for candidate Margaret Madden was distributed. Margaret Madden is scheduled to interview on campus this Wednesday and Thursday January 28th and 29th. Senior Staff members are strongly urged to attend the larger meetings on campus.

Other Upcoming Events

The Unsoeld event is scheduled for this Thursday, January 29th at 7pm in the Longhouse. Alumna, Audrey Marrs will be presenting.

The reception to launch the Alumni Association is scheduled for Wednesday night, January 28th. Forty-five individuals have signed up to attend. An Alumni Association gathering will be held in Tacoma on another day.

The Strategic Planning Town Hall is scheduled for the Monday of Week 8 – Monday, February 23rd, 2015.

Preview Day was a great success. There were just under 700 visitors, of which 320 were prospective students. These are the largest numbers seen since 2010. It was noted that this was Director of Admissions Phil Betz's first time running the event.

AAC&U

Les P. reported that he and Michael Z. attended the AAC&U conference January 20th – 25th, 2015 in Washington DC. This conference was the 100th anniversary – centennial event. At the conference Les attended his last COPLAC meeting and he noted that it was a privilege for him to see the organization grow. Les and Michael met with Alumnus John Stokes. John, the NEA Executive Director, will consider an ask to be a member of the Board of Governors. In addition, Les and Michael met with Jan Liss of Project Pericles. Evergreen has been asked to join the project which consists of 28 schools and focuses on citizenship in liberal arts. An answer regarding Evergreen regarding membership will be given to Project Pericles by end of April 2015. Michael Z. met the Director of the Internship Institute. Consideration is being made to offer a discount to WACLA member institutions that have tuition under 10k per year. Other attendees of the conference included Sarah R., Andrew R., and Michael C. who met with college donors. Nancy M. attended and participated on a panel addressing faculty and staff development.