

**Senior Staff Meeting
February 23, 2015
Meeting Notes**

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

Review of Minutes

The January 26, 2015 and February 9, 2015 minutes were approved as written.

Additions to the Agenda

No additions were made to the agenda.

Announcements

- Last Friday a GEAR-UP partner meeting was held. The meeting was well attended. Those in attendance indicated that program had a significant impact. The program will wrap up at the end of the school year.
- The Evergreen Women's basketball team has advanced on to post season play. The next game is Tuesday evening at 7:00pm.
- Les P. met with the Real Food Challenge students. He has agreed to sign the commitment on Earth Day, April 22, 2015.
- There have been many student conduct issues over the last two weeks. Student Affairs staff deserve kudos for their work. Incidents include: three sexual assault allegations, multiple psychotic episodes, and two suicide attempts.
- Michael Z., Lee H. and Amanda W. traveled to California late last week and over the weekend to visit with three donors/friends of the college. The meetings went very well.
- Two former Congressmen, David Skaggs and Peter Smith are on campus for the Congress to Campus event. They arrived Sunday evening and will be on campus for the next day and a half. This program promotes civil democratic conversations on college campuses. A lunch for Senior Staff and students and faculty from the Native Education programs will be held today at noon in the boardroom.
- Meryl L. is working with the Seattle Times on a comprehensive piece on Evergreen. The reporter, Katherine Long will meet with Les in the near future.

Legislative Update

Friday was the first major deadline – the bill cut-off date. Top trends include tracking and advising students, recapture, state need grant/CBS and cost study. Julie G. expects that we will see tracking/advising students (related to academics) tied to the budget, we should expect a tuition freeze, STEM dollars will likely go to UW and WSU and the capital budget will likely not have a good outcome for higher education institutions. The Revenue forecast was moved up to assist with the Legislative budget process. The House budget is expected March 15, 2015.

Presidential Search Update

John C. thanked all for participating in the presidential search process. The deadline for online feedback has passed; however the Board of Trustees is still accepting feedback through the BOT email address. Faculty will conclude their discussions this Wednesday, February 25th. The Search DTF will meet this coming Friday and will finalize their report over the weekend and present it to the Board on Monday. The goal is for the Board to announce the appointment at the March 16th/17th Board meeting.

<p><u>Decisions and Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide any feedback you would like to share on the presidential candidates to John C. (all).

Board of Trustees Agenda

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday March 16th and 17th on the Olympia campus. While the March meeting is normally held in Tacoma, the location has been changed due to the expected high interest in the presidential search announcement. The May meeting is planned to be held in Tacoma. The following will be included in the March meeting agenda: presidential search; executive session; strategic plan (first

reading); accounts receivables report (John H., Dave K); legislative update; student vote on the name of the mascot (spelling/pronunciation change); gallery update.

The Town Hall meeting on the strategic plan is scheduled for this afternoon. Ample opportunities have been given for feedback on the strategic plan, however it has been expressed that not all feel that they have had the opportunity to fully discuss. A formal written request to postpone the adoption of the strategic plan may be submitted by faculty. A first reading of the strategic plan is scheduled with the BOT at the upcoming meeting in March.

<u>Decisions and Actions</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wendy E. to connect with Nick W. regarding the mascot name/spelling prior to the March BOT meeting (Wendy E.).• Michael Z. to plan gallery update presentation for the BOT (Michael Z.).