

Senior Staff Meeting
April 6, 2015
Meeting Notes

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

Legislative Budget Update

Steve Trotter reviewed the House and Senate budgets. The House budget would freeze resident undergraduate tuition at current levels. The Senate budget would reduce resident undergraduate tuition. Both budgets would provide an appropriation intended to compensate for this foregone revenue. The House budget recognizes the state's negotiated collective bargaining agreements. The Senate version rejects those agreements and proposes an alternate pay increase. Neither version of the budget fully funds the compensation increase as requested in our legislative request. The college would likely need to raise tuition for other categories of students (graduate and non-resident undergraduate).

<u>Follow-up</u>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steve Trotter and Wendy Endress will discuss how to engage students regarding likely tuition changes. |
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CRC Vote

Wendy Endress reported that the CRC modernization steering committee met to discuss the recent negative vote on the student fee initiative. She asked Steve Trotter to report on the steering committee's discussion. Steve said that the steering committee is interested in understanding what factors led students to reject the initiative. The group will be sponsoring a student forum to explore the question.

