

Senior Staff Meeting
January 12, 2009
Meeting Notes

Attending: Theresa Aragon, Don Bantz, John Carmichael, Art Costantino, Lee Hoemann, Steve Hunter, John Hurley, Les Purce, Todd Sprague, Julie Suchanek, Allen Toothaker, Steve Trotter

Minutes

The notes from the previous meeting were approved.

Announcements

Art Costantino reported that the men's basketball team lost in a very close game.

Board of Trustees Agenda

John Carmichael distributed a copy of the January 14 Board of Trustees agenda. He described the outline of the Budget and Legislative Update presentation and reminded presenters that many of the Trustees are fairly new to the Board.

Enrollment Update

Steve Hunter reported that overall Winter quarter enrollment looks good. Enrollment in the Tacoma program is improved over last year. Enrollment in the Reservation-based program has fallen. The proportion of non-resident students registering for Winter quarter appears to be dropping slightly, a possible sign that the economy is affecting the ability of non-resident students to enroll. Applications for fall quarter have fallen off a bit from last year's historic high.

Super Saturday

Art Costantino noted that it is time to begin preparing for Super Saturday in 2009. Given the current budget challenges, the continuation of Super Saturday is in question. It is possible that the college will decide as part of the biennial budget process that this will be the last Super Saturday, but this year's event will go forward as planned.

Legislative Update

Julie Suchanek described legislative hearings scheduled for the week. The Senate Environment, Water and Energy Committee will hear testimony on sustainability efforts. John Pumilio will testify. The House Ways and Means Committee will hear testimony on the 2009-11 budget. The Senate Ways and Means Committee will hear testimony on the effects of budget reductions implemented in the current fiscal year. The House Capital Committee will discuss the capital budget scoring process.