

**Senior Staff Meeting
February 8, 2010
Meeting Notes**

Attending: Don Bantz, Eddy Brown, John Carmichael, Susan Harris, Lee Hoemann, Steve Hunter, John Hurley, Les Purce, Todd Sprague, Allen Toothaker, Steve Trotter, Laurel Uznanski

Absent: Art Costantino, Julie Suchanek

Guest: Walter Niemiec

Review of minutes

The minutes of the February 1, 2010 meeting were approved with one change.

Announcements

- Eddy Brown announced that Amy Betz recently gave birth to a baby boy – Parker Michael Betz.
- John Carmichael announced that the President's day holiday is next Monday. Because of the holiday, the regularly scheduled Senior Staff meeting for next Monday, February 15th has been changed to Tuesday, February 16th from 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

Fundraising Update

Lee Hoemann distributed copies of "The Evergreen State College Foundation January 2010 Fundraising Summary." As of the end of January 2010, the Foundation is running at 59% of goal. Fundraising detail will no longer be printed, but instead be posted online for review. Both the number of staff and faculty, and the amount they donate to the foundation have increased from last year.

Enrollment Update

Steve Hunter distributed copies of "The Evergreen State College: Fall Undergraduate Application Progress 2005-2010." Applications are up on the resident side by 46% and by 120 applications from Community College transfers with over 40 credits. Strong numbers from Community College transfers were attributed to the economy and to Jared Sorber and others in Admissions who were making efforts to recruit transfer students. It is expected there will be 100-125 new admits for spring quarter. Steve noted that there have been few conditional admits.

Legislative Update

Les gave an update on the legislature. The focus has been on the tuition bill. He will be meeting with Terry Teale and Stan Marshburn regarding the cash flow issues the state treasurer identified. Steve Trotter indicated that the formal revenue forecast will be released on the 12th of February. Indications are that revenue collections have stabilized at previously forecasted levels. We may see a forecast showing we have now hit bottom. JLARC visited the college on Friday. They will be auditing the performance agreement process itself, not the college. Last Friday, a couple dozen individuals circulated in the President's office as part of the walkout. Many entered into conversations regarding questions on tuition, funding for capital projects, the President's residence, graffiti, and the fire alarm incident. Approximately 200-300 students from the University of Washington visited the legislature on the same day.

Report Back on Summer Tuition Discussion

Steve Hunter distributed copies of "Summer School Tuition and Fee Charges" and indicated that the Strategic Enrollment Group worked on the summer tuition proposal. Major conclusions include 1) summer school enrollment is largely a reflection of the prior Spring quarter enrollment – 80% of summer school enrollment is drawn from spring quarter; and 2) variations in Summer School enrollment of students from the prior spring do not appear to be associated with variations in Summer Tuition and Fee charges. History does not suggest an increase would cause a decline in enrollment and the proposed summer tuition would still be substantially discounted compared to fall/winter/spring rates. The strategic enrollment group is looking at summer school as a strategy for students to graduate early. It was noted

that Theresa Aragon should connect with the strategic enrollment group on this matter as she is exploring it as well.

Decisions and Actions

- Move forward with proposed recommendation of 14% increase for summer tuition rates
- Prepare bullet points for summer tuition recommendation to the BOT (Steve H.).