

**Senior Staff Meeting
December 7, 2009
Meeting Notes**

Attending: Don Bantz, Eddy Brown, John Carmichael, Art Costantino, Susan Harris, Steve Hunter, John Hurley, Todd Sprague, Julie Suchanek, Allen Toothaker, Steve Trotter

Absent: Les Purce, Lee Hoemann

Review of minutes

The minutes of the November 30, 2009 meeting were approved with one revision.

Additions to the agenda

No additions were made to the agenda.

Announcements

- John Hurley announced that the State Auditor is currently working on a management letter with regard to the study abroad program.
- John Hurley announced that several individuals, including Steve Trotter, Scott Morgan, Todd Sprague, a student and himself, will be interviewed by NACUBO this afternoon. They will be publishing a story about transportation.
- Steve Hunter announced that progress is good with the number of undergraduate applications. A copy of "The Evergreen State College: Fall Undergraduate Application Progress 2005-2010" was distributed.
- Steve Trotter announced that the Governor's budget will come out on Wednesday, rather than Tuesday as previously expected.
- Don Bantz announced that Ron Baker will be coming to Evergreen to meet with the Vice Presidents on campus. Laura Coughlan, Julie Slone and Don Bantz will still attend the NWCCU meeting.

COP Tuition Policy

Don Bantz gave an update on the HEC Board's proposed tuition policy. He noted that what works for the other colleges may not necessarily work for us. The universities see performance agreements as the way to get flexibility. The Global Challenge State benchmarks are back on the table. Terry will be having a follow-up meeting.

ICAO/House Higher Ed

Don Bantz described recent meetings on the HEC Board's System Design study.

United Faculty-Legislative Meeting

Steve Trotter distributed a copy of the materials that were given at the United Faculty-Legislative meeting held at the Phoenix Inn on Thursday, December 3rd. He noted that there were 11 Representatives and four Senators present at the meeting. Discussions at the meeting included tax packages, dedicated revenue streams for universities, and getting a common message out for regional universities – we need a unified voice.

Board of Trustees Agenda

John Carmichael distributed a draft copy of the Board of Trustees meeting agenda slated for Wednesday, January 13, 2010. Materials for the meeting will be sent out after the return from winter break. For the work session on the Strategic Plan, the Board of Trustees will be looking for what work has been done, data points to measure and how have they shaped budget decisions.

Actions

- Gather/prepare materials for the meeting and forward to John C. by Monday January 4, 2010 (all).

Deanery Update

Eddy Brown announced that summer school is settled – 103 proposals approved from over 160 received. There is discussion and review of sabbatical accrual. The new planning unit, Consciousness Studies, raises questions about the role of Planning Units in allocating resources such as lab space.