

**Senior Staff Meeting
December 12, 2011
Meeting Notes**

Attending: John Carmichael, Julie Garver, Susan Harris, Lee Hoemann, Steve Hunter, John Hurley, Nancy Murray, Les Purce, Todd Sprague, Steve Trotter, Laurel Uznanski, Michael Zimmerman
Absent: Art Costantino
Guests: Bruce Sutherland

Review of Minutes

The December 5, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

Announcements

Les P., Lee H., and John C. attended The Evergreen State College Traveling Seminar Series: Welcome Winter with a Musical Celebration on December 8, 2011 at the Women's University Club in Seattle. The event featured Cyndia Sieden '76, Judith Cohen '79 and Andrew Buchman, Evergreen Faculty Member.

Applications for Fall Quarter

Steve Hunter distributed "The Evergreen State College: Fall Undergraduate Application Progress 2008-2012." To date, the fall 2012 application numbers are sitting at 597 - lagging behind 2011 and 2010. Applicants for 2012 are just over the 2009 submissions. There is a drop in non-resident students. The current applicants are mostly freshman at this time. The priority date is March 1, 2012. The recruiting period runs from mid August to Thanksgiving.

Steve Trotter distributed "Top 10 Feeder States That Generate 90% of Total Enrollments." The data came from a WICHE publication. The data indicate the number of white students graduating from public high schools is decreasing (-15.8%) from 2007. The overall number of students graduating from public high schools is increasing slightly (.6%), led by a 27.9% increase in Hispanic public high school graduates. The trend suggests that institutions of higher education must either figure out how to serve populations that have been underrepresented historically in higher education or must prepare for a drop in enrollment.

Emergency Procedures

Bruce S. reviewed the handout "Proposed Emergency Procedures for Senior Staff" distributed at the meeting. Art C. or John H. will act as the Lead Senior Staff. The Conference Services conference room in the CAB is being considered as the back-up site for Senior Staff.

Decisions and Actions

- Bruce S. will email updates for the Emergency Procedures notebooks (Bruce S., all).
- The next exercise for Senior Staff will take place in March 2012 (all).

Legislative Update

The special session is expected to adjourn on Friday or Monday with a plan that cuts \$190-\$500 million. Julie will be attending the House Higher Education hearing today. Tomorrow, John H. and Michael Z. will be attending the Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee regarding efficiencies. Laura Coghlan will attend the hearing Thursday regarding employment after graduation. Julie G. also gave an overview of policy bills that could affect salaries, athletics, firearms policies, and performance plans.