

Senior Staff Meeting
March 19, 2012
Meeting Notes

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

Review of Minutes

The March 12, 2012 minutes were approved with one change.

Announcements

John H. attended the Thurston County Roundtable Retreat over the weekend. A letter supporting the Boys and Girls Club will be sent out from the group.

March 28 Clean-up Day

Individuals participating in the Clean-up Day are requested to meet at the motorcycle shed in parking lot C at 8:30am on Wednesday. Please bring work gloves if you have them and wear closed toe shoes.

Decisions and Actions

- John H. to draft an email to invite staff and faculty to volunteer with the clean-up (John H.).
- Art C. to ask Aramark about donating donuts and coffee for volunteers (Art C.).

Legislative Update

The Evergreen State College Bill Analysis, dated March 8, 2012, was sent out last week via email. A new budget proposal was introduced from the Senate last Friday. This new budget proposal does not include cuts to higher education, including financial aid. Of the three budgets proposed, none include higher education cuts.

Decisions and Actions

- Julie G. to obtain clarification on HB2352 regarding general salary increases with service and activity fees (Julie G.).

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees will be meeting this afternoon. Six trustees will be in attendance.

Strategic Enrollment

Steve H. distributed copies of "Maintaining/Expanding Current Student Markets – DRAFT White Paper Topics". It was suggested that White Papers could be vehicles for prompting conversation. The following questions were presented: what is the best timing and process, is data available to back up assumptions, and what other resources are needed? It was suggested that the White Papers possibly be framed as questions, and context be added (i.e.; statistics, etc. to provide a common understanding).

Decisions and Actions

- VPs to discuss White Papers, including timing and process at next VP meeting (VPs).
- Status reports from the workgroups to be presented at next Monday's Senior Staff meeting.
- Take out "Shrinking Availability of Financial Aid" or rename to clearly define, as foundation resources are not shrinking (Steve H.).