

**Senior Staff Meeting**  
**January 28, 2013**  
**Meeting Notes**

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

**Review of Minutes**

The January 14, 2013 minutes were approved as written.

**Announcements**

- The Emergency Operations meeting was canceled due to a power outage. The new proposed date is Monday, March 25, 2013 – the week of spring break. Please check your calendar.
- Representatives from Cascadia Community College will be visiting Evergreen next Monday, February 4, 2013. A group of eight will join Senior Staff at 10am. The first hour will be a group introduction and discussion and the second hour will be a time to meet with counterparts. Lunch will be provided in the board room at Noon-1pm and Senior Staff is encouraged to attend.
- Les P. spent time with Denny Heck in Washington DC.
- Les P., Michael Z., and a few Deans attended the AAC&U annual meeting in Atlanta, GA this past week.
- Jane Wall accepted a position with COP. Her last day is Friday, February 1, 2013.

<p><b>Decisions and Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please let Susan H. know if you are able to attend the lunch with Cascadia Community College (all).</li><li>• Susan to send web link to the Cascadia Community College website to Senior Staff (Susan H.).</li></ul>
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**Legislative Update**

Julie Garver described proposed legislation that may affect Evergreen, including bills related to HR benefits, a Student Portal bill, and a bill that will make WGU students eligible for the state need grant. Tracy Hall will testify as part of a Financial Aid Panel.

**Preview Day**

The program went well. There was a lot of support from faculty and the student panel was a high point. Approximately 249 students attended this year compared to 289 students last year. A total of 508 students and guests attended.

**Enrollment Numbers**

Steve H. distributed two documents related to enrollment. We are running a bit ahead from this time last year. With an earlier priority day, it is hoped a bump in application will occur this week. Winter quarter numbers are at 4,378 which is down 132, but is on target to make legislative budgeted numbers.

**Fall-Winter Retention**

Michael Z. distributed a document outlining new student retention fall to winter. Overall retention has increased. Data indicates that first year students in core or lower-division programs fall quarter are more likely to continue on to winter quarter. Also, students participating in the academic orientation week session (faculty led in programs), shows persistence to winter as well. While news looks good, there are still many questions and additional unpacking will need to be done. Michael Z. noted that there will be an all campus mentoring day on March 6<sup>th</sup>. In addition there will be a reunion for orientation groups.

**Food**

A copy of “The Evergreen State College DiningStyles Survey Fall 212 Summary” was distributed. Results of the survey were good. Overall satisfaction increased over fall 2011. Survey results will be released after the RFP process.

**Student Issues**

Art Costantino described staff work in response to a large number of students in crisis. He noted especially the work of Andi S., Sharon G., and Elizabeth M.

Both FOX and KOMO visited campus last week regarding the rifle petition started by PASS, a student advocate group for campus police. President Purce has received notice of a petition against allowing rifles on campus. This petition has received over 30 signatures to date. Emails indicating who and why the petition is being signed are being sent to the President’s inbox.

<u>Decisions and Actions</u>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Susan H. to forward anti-rifle petition emails to Art C. (Susan H., Art C.).</li></ul> |
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**Student-View Survey**

Senior staff discussed the Student –View Survey. Other groups such as the Strategic Enrollment Group, the curriculum DTF, the Diversity and Equity Committee and the Career Center group have discussed the survey results as well. The results will need to be shared with the Board of Trustees.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Michael to look into presentation and discussion to the full faculty (Michael Z., Steve H., Todd S.).</li><li>• Continue discussion on Student-View Survey and identify next steps (all).</li></ul> |
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