

Senior Staff Meeting

November 30, 2015

Meeting Notes

Attending: George Bridges, John Carmichael, Wendy Endress, Susan Harris, Steve Hunter, Colleen Rust, Todd Sprague, Laurel Uznanski, Michael Zimmerman
Absent: John Hurley, Nancy Murray, Steve Trotter, Amanda Walker

Meeting Minutes

The November 16, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Announcements/Wins

- George B. connected with Governor Jay Inslee at the Husky football game. They discussed the upcoming climate symposium. Senator Schoesler attended the game as well.

Decisions and Actions

- Follow-up with the Governor's assistant Stacey regarding the climate symposium discussion between George B. and the Governor (Colleen R.).

Geoducks on Ice

The campus holiday event, Geoducks on Ice, will take place December 17 at 5:30pm at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia. Drink tickets will be given to employees. If problems occur with overindulgence at the event, the VPs and George B. will assist.

Decisions and Actions

- Draft and send out an email to staff and faculty regarding work party expectations (George B.).

Board of Trustees Meeting Debrief

A summary of the Board of Trustee meeting will be sent out from George B. to faculty and staff to open up communication and transparency. Several items on the agenda were not fully discussed and the Board will need to come back to them at another time. The Sexual assault prevention presentation was well received.

Legislative Updates

George B. and Colleen R. meet with approximately 14 legislators over the committee assembly days November 19 and 20. The focus of the meetings was to introduce George B. and ask what the college can do for them. This was well received by the legislators. More meetings with legislators are planned in December. Session starts the second week of January. George B. noted that Colleen R. is doing good work, prepares very helpful notes, and focuses on relationships.

A summary of higher education supplemental budget requests was distributed to Senior Staff for discussion. The 2016 supplemental request were due on October 5, 2015. We made the strategic choice to submit not request for supplemental funding. Instead, we will focus on the regular session request for the 17-19 biennium. That request will need approval from the Board of Trustees in Spring 2016. With Steve T. retiring soon, the budget process may change. George B. has asked John H. to form a budget and advisory committee including students, staff, and faculty.