

## NOTES FROM PRESIDENT'S CABINET

April 13, 2009

Members present: Dr. Ed Brewster, Ms. Diane Carter, Mr. Matt Crollard, Ms. Laurie Clary, Mr. Keith Foster, Mr. Dave Halverstadt, Ms. Kathee Katainen, Mr. Leon Lead, Dr. Gary Murrell, Dr. Arlene Torgerson, Mr. Shane Voss, Ms. Gail Winkelman

Absent: Ms. Sandy Lloyd

Others Present: Ms. Sandy Zelasko

I. ASGHC Issues and Concerns (Mr. Shane Voss)

Mr. Voss reported on the following student activities:

Civics Week – Mr. Sam Reed, Secretary of State, and Ms. Terry Willis, Grays Harbor County Commissioner will address students and staff in the HUB on Wednesday, April 15.

Mayhem – Mayhem is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>. It is being coordinated with World Class Scholars' Day. Activities include a rock climbing wall provided by the U.S. Army. Dr. Murrell asked since the Army is going to be represented, could an anti-war group participate in the event? Mr. Voss said he would discuss the request with student government.

Elections – Student elections will be held the first Thursday in May.

II. Faculty Issues and Concerns (Ms. Diane Carter, Dr. Gary Murrell)

Dr. Murrell reported the AFT is active on campuses securing signatures on petitions asking the legislature not to cut higher education budgets. The petitions will be delivered to the Governor's Office.

Dr. Murrell announced Mr. Rich Shenkman will be on campus May 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss his book "Just How Stupid Are We?" It is about American voters and what kind of responsibilities we have as voters. His presentation will be at noon in Room 2250.

III. Classified Staff Issues and Concerns (Mr. Matt Crollard, Ms. Kathee Katainen, Ms. Gail Winkelman)  
None

IV. Vice President for Instruction (Ms. Laurie Clary)

Ms. Clary reported the annual schedule is being completed. She added there has been some load shifting because of budget cuts and enrollment issues.

V. Vice President for Student Services (Dr. Arlene Torgerson)

Dr. Torgerson reported enrollment is up from this time last year.

VI. Vice President for Administrative Services (Mr. Keith Foster)

Mr. Foster reported until the legislature agrees on a budget, it is difficult to move forward with the college's budget. Dr. Murrell asked now that both the Senate and House budgets have been brought forward, could Dr. Brewster estimate how either budget would affect the college. Dr. Brewster responded the Senate budget cuts community and technical colleges by 10%. That level of cut has already been addressed by the college. The House cuts our budget by approximately 14.3% each year of the biennium. Scenarios have been developed by the E-Team for cuts at higher levels.

The Governor's budget and Senate budget include tuition increases of 5%; the House budget includes a 7% increase.

On the capital side of the budget the child care center is moving forward. The low bidder came in \$156,000 lower than the architect's estimate. During construction, many parking spots will be displaced. People who park in the upper lot are being asked to consider volunteering to park in the 600 parking lot or the lower lot.

There has been considerable feedback from students regarding what they desire in a new student union building.

We are scheduled to receive funds for the design stage of the SMART Building. Pre-design funds for the HUB replacement building are included in the Senate budget but not in the House budget.

The legislative session is scheduled to end April 26. There is a possibility the session will be extended.

VII. Director, Off-Campus Continuing Education (Mr. Leon Lead)  
Riverview

Mr. Lead reported funds remaining from the storm damage at Riverview have been expended on renovating a storeroom to a classroom, improving the parking lot, and installing a green house.

Graduation Speaker

Mr. Lead has accepted an invitation to be the college's commencement speaker this year.

VIII. Chief, Human Resources (Mr. Dave Halverstadt)

RIF Procedure for Non-Represented Classified Staff

Mr. Halverstadt presented proposed revisions to an administrative procedure updating the college's RIF procedure for non-represented classified staff. Revisions reflect the current WAC's. After discussion, Mr. Halverstadt asked that any questions or concerns be directed to him. He noted that nine classified staff are affected by the procedure because they are not covered by the classified staff contract.

Pay Advices

Effective April 25, 2009 pay advices will no longer be available. Employees' pay history will be available to them on the college web site.

IX. President (Dr. Ed Brewster)

Dr. Brewster stated the college is faced with budget challenges. He noted the college Foundation is facing challenges as well, i.e., the Faculty Excellence fund has dropped below the level that would allow excellence funds to be awarded. In the past, the Foundation has funded the classified staff and exempt awards as well, but funds are not available this year. The Foundation awarded \$450,000 in scholarships last year. This year they will have approximately \$350,000 available.