

Exempt Staff Notes
April 14, 2009

GHC Footprint

Ms. Mary Sundblom and Ms. Lorena Marchant presented a report on the college's Institutional Foot Print Project.

Enrollment

Ms. DeVerse reported we are 280 FTEs ahead of this time last year which represents almost a 25% increase. Online enrollment is up 30%.

Financial Aid Director

Dr. Torgerson announced we have hired Mr. Ben Beus to replace Ms. Hibbs, who is retiring as our Financial Aid Director. He currently works in the Financial Aid Office at South Puget Sound Community College.

Child Care Center

Mr. Foster reported we have received bids for construction of our new child care center. The low bid was \$156,000 lower than the architect estimate. Construction is scheduled to begin in May.

Riverview

Mr. Lead stated money remaining from storm damage funds have been expended to make improvements at Riverview including renovating a large storeroom into a classroom and adding a large greenhouse.

Retirement

Mr. Lead will retire the end of June. He has agreed to be this year's graduation speaker.

Stafford Creek

Ms. Slagle reported projects manufactured at Stafford Creek can now be sold. She noted several dog houses have been sold.

Summer Watershed Program

Ms. Marchant said there will be a six week summer watershed program for 24 high school students. It will include tree planting, clean up, etc.

High School Art Show

Mr. Horton announced the high school art show will be hanging in the library soon.

Food Service

Mr. Foster reported GHC food service personnel visited Food Services of America headquarters in Kent, WA to learn more about healthy food choices, recipes, etc.

Choker Golf Tournament

Mr. Peterson announced this year's Choker Golf Tournament will be May 9th.

Foundation

Because of the economy, the Foundation will not be able to fund as many scholarships as in the past.

Learning Center

Ms. Ratcliff announced the following changes in programs offered in the Learning Center:

1. A new version of Skills Bank – lessons for reading, writing and language arts.
2. ModuMath which has been in the Learning Center for a few years but it is now on line as well.
3. Accutrack which allows Learning Center personnel to keep better data on students.

Student Government

Mr. Erwin-Svoboda reported student government leaders have attended several conferences this year.

The student referendum vote asking for additional fees for the proposed new student union building will be June 10. It was noted that student space in buildings cannot be funded by the state.

Welding

Mr. Kelly reported we are offering a second section of welding. Twenty dislocated workers are enrolled.

Annual Schedule

Ms. Clary announced the annual schedule will be available soon.

Catalog

Our next catalog will be a two-year catalog that includes significant changes.

DVD's

Mr. Simone said he has two DVD's that are available for showing – "Violence on Campus," and "Safe Travel."

Mentors

Ms. Smith stated more students are signing up for the mentoring program. She asked for volunteers, noting it is not a big time commitment.

Business Office Door

Ms. Wood announced beginning today for security reasons the door to the Business Office from the hallway will be locked.

Civics Week

Mr. Erwin-Svoboda reported student government is celebrating Civics Week. Sec. of State Sam Reed and County Commissioner Terry Willis will speak in the HUB on Wed., April 15.

Earth Day

Earth Day will be April 22nd. There will be an opportunity for faculty, staff and students to participate in a half day clean up project at Lake Swano. There will also be activities in the HUB.

Student Success Conference

Ms. Ratcliff thanked those who have agreed to be presenters at the Student Success Conference April 22nd.

Administrative Services Contact List

Mr. Foster distributed copies of the administrative services campus contact information list. It shows who to contact for specific services in facilities & operations, custodial, maintenance, motor pool and safety and security.

Budget

Dr. Brewster reported both the House and Senate budgets have been announced. The Senate cuts community and technical colleges 10% over the next two-years. The House budget cuts for our system are 10% the first year and 18.9% the second year. We have already announced cuts that were made to meet the 10% level. The E-Team has planned for scenarios at the 12% and 15% levels.

The Senate budget includes a 5% tuition increase; the House increase is 7%. It is presumed there will be a 7% increase each year of the biennium. It was noted that it takes approximately a 5% increase to offset a 1% budget decrease.

Capital

The SMART Building is included in both budgets. The HUB replacement is in the House budget and Governor's budget but not the Senate budget.

Data Base

Mr. Horton reported the college pays \$1,400 a year for a major data base students use. If that funding is cut, the cost to GHC would be \$4,000 - \$6,000 a year.

Audix

Ms. Lloyd stated since the Audix system has been updated, there have been several complaints stating logging into the system is much slower than in the past. Efforts are being made to resolve the problem. She noted that there will be a new number for accessing messages from off-campus. It is 2535.

Pay Advices

Mr. Halverstadt said as of the 4/25/09 pay period, pay advices will no longer be available. Employee payroll information will be available on the college web site.