

Exempt Staff
December 6, 2011

Dr. Torgerson delivered a very interesting presentation about the Bishop Center. She distributed information that included:

1. History – opened in 1974
2. Building facts – seats 440
3. Attendance and show facts – average yearly attendance - 8,600
4. Financial facts – ticket sales account for approximately 45% of total budget for a performance
5. Funding – Bishop Foundation provides two endowments to help with equipment purchases and programming
6. Revenue and expenses – 2010-11 revenue - \$145,734, expenses - \$139,233

She stated that Mr. Svoboda is responsible for negotiating the majority of contracts with performers. Dr. Brewster stated that most of the funding for the Bishop Center comes from places other than the college's budget. Mr. Peterson added that many people donate to the Foundation because of the Bishop Center.

Enrollment

Ms. DeVerse reported current Winter enrollment is 1238 FTE which is 72% of our goal. We are down forty-one FTE from last year at this time – six in academic transfer and thirty-six in occupational. There are wait lists for WAOL and hybrid classes. Dr. Brewster explained we have forty-four fewer FTEs to make this year because our allocation was reduced by that amount. He said that at the same time we are cutting our budget, we have to maintain our target.

Student E-Mail

Ms. Lloyd reported beginning January 4th we will be using Choker e-mail to communicate with students. Students are given their free e-mail account when they register. Faculty will be encouraged to have students do all their communicating with them through Choker mail.

Board Dates

Dr. Brewster reported our newest Board member is not able to attend meetings on their regular meeting day which has been the third Tuesday of the month. Beginning in March, 2012 the Board will meet on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. The third Monday in January and February falls on a holiday so those meetings will be on the third Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. All meetings are in the Boardroom.

Budget/Legislative Update

Dr. Brewster announced the Governor's budget has been released and the legislature is in special session. The Governor's budget includes a cut to our system of 13% in the second year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2011. She has proposed a revenue package that includes a half cent sales tax increase which would generate approximately \$1/2B. Of that, \$411M is earmarked for K-12 and higher education. If implemented, it would buy back

education programs that would be cut. For the tax cut to be implemented, the legislature needs to agree to take the proposal to the voters and the voters decide whether or not to increase the sales tax. Other revenue would come from closing some tax exemption loopholes.

The December 23rd furlough day has been cancelled. Employees will have the option to work, take leave, or take leave without pay.

Teach-In

Mr. Svoboda reported students participated in a teach-in on campus and a state-wide rally in Olympia protesting cuts to higher education. Dr. Brewster added that community forums in Aberdeen, Raymond and Ilwaco, were held for the same purpose.

Strategic Planning/Achieving the Dream/Accreditation

Dr. Brewster said we are in the process of linking the strategic plan process and ATD strategies to accreditation and making progress towards the goals in our mission area. A college success team is being formed consisting of members of the strategic plan committee, ATD committee and accreditation team.

Stafford Creek Graduation

Dr. Brewster, Ms. Clary and others attended the recent GED graduation ceremony at Stafford Creek. Dr. Brewster stated that it was a meaningful event and encouraged exempt team members to attend.

Clothing Request

Ms. Frasier said there is clothing available for students in the 200 Building. She said they are in need of professional clothing and asked for donations.

Thank you

Dr. Brewster said this time of year he reflects on the past year. He expressed appreciation to the exempt team for last year's successes and the opportunity to work with all of them.