PRESIDENT'S OVERVIEW

Members of the Board:

Spring Quarter has finally sprung and it started out with three great days of weather. It is interesting how enrollments are affected by good and bad weather at the beginning of each quarter. With all of the flowers, trees and rhodys in bloom it can’t help but attract more students – we hope.

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the All Washington Academic Team event at SPSCC. Delanie Willows and Ed Riley were very proud and represented us well. Thanks also for your participation in the legislative reception, the International Student potluck and Foundation night at McMenamins. It was a busy day!

Budgets are now starting to come out. As of this overview the Governor’s budget and the Senate budget proposals have been released. The budgets are very similar and actually treat us well compared to the last four years. It appears the 3% cut to classified staff will be returned, as will the one time cut last year. Overall the year to year increase will be something like 5-9% but much of the increase will be targeted at things that won’t benefit us, like the aerospace allocations.

Our FTEs appear to be flat for spring. We are up a bit in workforce, down a bit in academic transfer and off quite a bit in transitional education. We are analyzing those numbers now to see if we can determine the causes. We should still reach our annual allocation target.

We are in the process of interviewing and selecting new faculty and staff members for positions that have been vacated. We had a great retirement assembly for Chris and Nita; I think they were very pleased.

Events this quarter include many softball, baseball and golf competitions – all weather dependent. We have a couple of comedy nights that will make you laugh and a bit of a dark theater performance in May entitled: "Dead Man's Cell Phone". And, it isn’t long before graduation! See you in Morton.

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