PRESIDENT’S OVERVIEW

Members of the Board:

The big news is we received our final BASM approval from the Department of Education. Our students are now eligible for Pell Grants! Everything is in place and recruiting is already underway for next year’s class.

Fall quarter numbers are finishing strong. We are one of only 3 colleges whose enrollment is up this quarter. We are 100 FTE over last year; we have made up the deficit from summer and are on track to hit our state enrollment target. Our tuition revenues are coming in where we expected so we can even pay our bills.

There is still a concern about the state budget but we should have our first indication of our status when the Governor’s budget comes out later this month. Hopefully everyone still loves us.

I held my quarterly meetings with classified, exempt and faculty this month. We talked a lot about student retention and came up with some good ideas we can begin implementing immediately. We are also in the process of creating a Disappearing Task Force (DTF) that will begin identifying perceived barriers to student retention, identify data we should look at, and begin formulating solutions to identified problems.

Please check out the college calendar for holiday musical performances by students and college personnel.

Last but not least we have some new residents in the KNOLL. Coho salmon have been spawning in China Creek the last two weeks. When the water level came down on Thursday there was at least one carcass next to a very large redd. The eggs will hatch in late winter and we should have alevins and fry in early spring. It feels great to have created a new circle of life in just 2 short years.

Have a happy holiday and enjoy your families and friends!

CAMPUS REPORTS

1. Associated Students – Stephanie Schiele
2. Faculty – Sharon Mitchler
3. Classified Staff – Paulette Crane
5. Public Information Office – Don Frey
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