PRESIDENT'S OVERVIEW

Members of the Board:

Winter Quarter 2013 is upon us. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season.

Our enrollments appear strong for winter. As of the first day of classes we were +102 FTE over last year at this time and we are at 91% of our target for the quarter. Our biggest gains are in workforce education. The extension of unemployment insurance at the federal level should help many of our unemployed students stay in school. The BASM students did well fall quarter; it appears we will have 100% retention into winter. We won’t have firm FTE figures and won’t have the tuition collection estimates in until after the 10\textsuperscript{th} day which is the 15\textsuperscript{th} of January. Those numbers will assist us in making some significant decisions for the coming year.

Governor Gregoire’s budget did not propose any cuts for higher education. It did propose some revenue increases so if that is not accepted by Governor Insley or the Legislature we may still see some adjustments. Tuition increases were also excluded but if there are cuts we may see a tuition increase to offset those. No one at this point has indicated where we might be headed.

Our focus for the quarter will include a review of the findings of our DTF on student retention, a look into a primary contact list and FAQ’s for services on campus, refinement of our Indicators and Benchmarks for the Monitoring reports, establishment of a DTF on the classrooms of the future for the TransAlta Commons and a couple of sustainability projects.

Events for this quarter include a plethora of basketball games. The President's Scholarship Performance will be John Ford Coley in Concert on Saturday, January 26. And, we have a great lineup of Lyceum’s for the quarter. Happy 2013, let’s hope for an especially lucky year.

CAMPUS REPORTS

1. Associated Students – Stephanie Schiele
2. Faculty – Sharon Mitchler
3. Classified Staff – Paulette Crane
5. Public Information Office – Don Frey
6. Human Resources – Julie Ledford
7. Student Services Report – Bob Peters, Mike Hoel
9. President’s Report – Jim Walton