PRESIDENT’S OVERVIEW

Members of the Board:

With the holidays over and a quick turnaround time for our first board meeting of the year we will be scrambling to fit everything in. January isn’t too busy – just a big wedding for one of our trustees and then the winter trustee meeting a couple of weekends later. Some good news out of the Governor’s Capital budget; the only project selected for funding was our $3.1 million for parking and design of the TransAlta Commons. We know there isn’t much money in the state coffers this session so we can’t expect a whole lot more.

We are looking into authorizing Federal student loans for our students. We have been reluctant until now because of the heavy financial burden it can leave on students but we think we can educate students into using loans appropriately and keep default rates to acceptable levels. It would give our students additional options in these tight financial times.

The development of the Diesel Degree is going well and we continue to hear good things about the program from the State Board members who were at our presentation in December. Jake Fay is on sabbatical this quarter preparing himself by taking a few advanced diesel technology courses that he will be teaching next year. Parts C &D of the application is almost complete and should be sent in shortly.

The advertisement for the next president of Centralia College will also be out very soon. It wouldn’t surprise me if we start getting calls and inquiries as soon as it hits the street. You will probably have to close the search after the first couple of hundred applicants.

Keep an eye on the Calendar. We have great Lyceums, basketball games and theater productions throughout the quarter. And, we have a bit of work to do on evaluating our tenure probationary faculty. It is going to be a great quarter!

CAMPUS REPORTS

1. Associated Students – J.R. Siperly
2. Faculty – Sharon Mitchler
3. Classified Staff – Paulette Crane
5. Public Information Office – Don Frey
6. Human Resources – Julie Ledford
7. Student Services Report – Lucretia Folks
9. President’s Report – Jim Walton