PRESIDENT’S OVERVIEW – March 2013

Members of the Board:

Congratulations to Dr. Joe Dolezal for finally being confirmed by the Senate!!

Thank you for attending the Business Scan. If you haven’t, you should be receiving the notes shortly. It is always amazing how much information is shared and how much can be used to improve our programs. Janet is working on thank you notes that can be signed at the Board meeting. Connie and Otto expressed appreciation for your effort in hosting this.

There has been little or no movement on the budget and very few bills are moving forward that will have a significant effect on us. According to Marty Brown one bill to watch is SHB 1536. It requires the board of trustees for each college district to include one member from business and one member from labor. I assume the Governor would have to take this into consideration when making appointments. The first real budget impact bill will come out after the March revenue forecast later this month. The SBCTC is hosting a legislative get together for trustees, faculty, staff and students on Thursday, March 21st from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Columbia Room. We will need to RSVP by the 15th.

We are continuing to fill vacant or soon to be vacant staff positions so everyone is busy with committee assignments. There is a big going away party for Nita and Chris the 18th of March. Please stop by if you can. Our men’s basketball team lost the first game but won the next three to take 7th place in the NWAACC tournament.

We met our target enrollment for winter. We are continuing to focus on student retention and eliminating barriers to success. Our DTFs should report out later this month. You will be seeing the second round of new ENDs the next three months and we should be able to wrap up tenure at this meeting. We have great new faculty members on board.

Events for this quarter include the beginning of softball, baseball and golf. Final exams are the third week of the month and spring break is the fourth. I think students and faculty will be very appreciative when spring break finally arrives.

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