March 2014

ATHLETICS
- Women’s basketball team concluded its season with two loses at the NWAACC Championships to Umpqua and Skagit Valley after finishing 4th in the Western Region Division.
- Karina Gee was named to the second team Western region all-league team and Leah Davis was selected to the all-defensive team.
- Men’s basketball team finished 5 – 11 in the Western region finishing in a tie for 6th place.
- Men’s baseball and women’s softball team will open season play March 1st weather permitting.
- Annual Hall of Fame luncheon took place on February 22nd with 65 people attending, inducted into this year’s Hall of Fame were: Dave Klovdahl, Sade Smith, Jerry Striegel and Ken Wastradowski.

DISABILITY SERVICES
- Paula has been assisting with the Advising Fairs. Continue efforts to fulfill accommodation requests.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES
- Winter 2014 summary (as of 3/3/14):
  - 1977 FTEs
  - 97% (-58 FTEs) of winter 2013 actual to date
- Spring 2014 summary (as of 3/3/14):
  - 1202 FTEs
  - 110% (+112 FTEs) of winter 2013 actual to date
- Note: spring 2014 enrollment data includes FTEs from first Advising Fair whereas spring 2013 does not
- Over 700 applications for spring 2014 have been processed
- Over 1350 applications for fall 2014 have been processed
- 32 student veterans participated in early spring registration
- 62 new spring students attended our Advising Fair last Thursday, February 27th
- Our next Advising Fair for new spring students is Thursday, March 20th
FINANCIAL AID
The Financial Aid Office is processing spring financial aid as well as 2014-15 applications.

- **Winter quarter:**
  - 1247 students awarded more than 2.1 million
- **Spring quarter:**
  - 1209 students awarded more than 2.5 million (includes workstudy awards that are estimates)
- **For all 2013-14:**
  - 1694 students awarded more than $9.2 million
- **Total applications:**
  - 2013-14: 4607
  - 2014-15: 1481 (increase of 25% from this time last year)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMS
- **5-Year Goal – 100 Thriving Students**
- **Student Recruitment**
  - Continue to process student applications for spring and fall terms.
  - Laju will leave on her recruitment trip to Hong Kong and China in early April and add Vietnam, Korea, and Japan (possibly) to her itinerary.
- **Retention Efforts**
  - Continue to provide opportunities for international students to participate in a variety of activities:
    - Ethnic Celebration held at St. Martin’s University
    - Shopping trip to Tacoma (in lieu of Ski Trip which was canceled due to weather conditions)
    - International Network weekly meetings
    - Service/volunteer projects. Students participated in the Tulips Sale fundraiser (Soroptimist International Centralia-Chehalis) and sold 68 potted tulips.
    - Conversation Partner Party, bringing together internationals students with their native English-speaking conversation partners.
- **Staff Professional Development**
  - Amanda participated in HR Training: Autism Spectrum Disorder
  - Laju and Amanda attended the AWISA (Association of Washington International Student Affairs) quarterly meeting at Central Washington University, Lynnwood Campus.
- **Upcoming Events**
  - March 4th - Tax Workshop for all international students
  - March 6th - Cultural Café
  - March 8th or 22nd - International Network trip to Seattle (or rescheduled Ski Trip) (tentative)
  - March 13th - Roller skating
  - March 17th - End of Quarter Potluck (tentative)
STUDENT LIFE AND INVOLVEMENT CENTER

Student Government and the Student Activities Admissions Team (SAAT):

- The Student Government has appointed Andrew Ruapp in the position of Senator for Clubs & Organizations for the rest of the school year. Joanna Beresford resigned from the position Feb. 11.
- Ordered a new podium for the Cafeteria.
- Approved request from the Athletic Department for new laptops

March Upcoming Events:

- Lyceum, Wed. March 5th 1-1:50 pm in Washington Hall Room 101; *The Warning System—Are you Ready to Respond?*
- Movie Night, Friday, March 7th. Wear your pajamas and watch *Thor 2* at 7 pm in the Gym
- Lyceum, Wed. March 12th 1-1:50 pm in Washington Hall Room 101; *Saving the Chimps of Cameroon*
- Relaxation Fair, Thursday, March 13th from 10 am to 1 pm in Science Center

TRIO PROGRAMS:

- TRiO Night is scheduled for March 11th from 5:00-6:30
- TRiO Training, Chicago April 21st-24th – two staff members will be attending this free training from the DOE to learn about program regulations and reporting in TS and UB.

- Student Support Services
  - Students visited PLU on March 4th.
  - Interviewing and Job Search workshop will be held spring quarter to help graduating students prepare for the workforce.
  - Spring transfer visits include: Central, Eastern, and Washington State Universities.

- Talent Search/Upward Bound
  - Planning has begun for the six-week summer program. Students will receive instruction in Math, Science, English and Foreign Language, and students will participate in service projects in their own communities.
  - Talent Search is preparing for Mary Myhre’s retirement. Mary has the longest tenure of all Talent Search/TRiO employees, having been hired when the college first received the grant in 1985. For nearly 29 years, Mary has helped Lewis County students achieve their dreams through education. She will be sorely missed.