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LDP College Executive Management Team

Handout

Item #1: Budget/Athletics

(Submitted by GHC)

The college is moving into its second biennium of budget reductions. All of the discretionary items in the budget have already been cut, and the next step is to begin eliminating programs. One suggestion is to eliminate the athletic program. The state funding for the program is about 1.5% of the total state budget. Although there is some PE credit for participation, that represents less than 1% of the total college FTE. Although their PE credit is minimal, student athletics comprise about 6% of the total college enrollment and tuition revenue in the other classes they take.

What considerations should we look at and what courses of action should be taken, if any?



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Item #2: Firearms Policy
(Submitted by SPSCC)

A small number of students have started to come to class at LDP College wearing visible, holstered handguns. These students have stated they have no intention of intimidating anyone or drawing their weapons unless required for self-defense, and that they are entitled to carry them on their person under Washington state law and the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. They wear pins identifying themselves as members of a local chapter of a politically powerful gun rights organization, as do some campus employees. There are undoubtedly many other students and perhaps college employees who possess concealed weapons permits and carry them on campus unknown to anyone.

Some of the faculty have indicated they and some of their students are frightened by the appearance of guns in class. LDP College is one of a sizeable minority of colleges within the state system of colleges that does not have a policy that strictly prohibits all possession of weapons on campus. They want the Board of Trustees to pass such a policy.

The Board of Trustees current policy on firearms is: *Carrying, exhibiting, displaying or drawing any firearm, dagger, sword, knife or any other cutting or stabbing instrument or club or incendiary device or explosive or any facsimile weapons, or any other weapon apparently capable of producing bodily harm and/or property damage in a manner, under circumstances, and at a time and place that either manifests an intent to intimidate another or that warrants alarm for the safety of other persons, is prohibited on college property; provided, however, that this regulation shall not apply to law enforcement personnel required by their office to carry such weapons or devices.*

A review of several prominent shootings on college and university campus indicates that many of them occurred on campuses with outright bans on firearms. The Director of Campus Security has offered the advice that such policies do not increase campus safety.

The local chapter of the prominent national gun rights organization has in the recent past shown the ability to consistently pose expensive legal challenges to any attempt to limit gun rights. Recent sessions of the state Legislature have expanded gun rights.

What considerations should we look at and what is your recommendation to the Board of Trustees regarding a potential change in the campus policy on firearms?



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Item #3: Academic Freedom

(Submitted by CC)

There have been seven (7) complaints from LDP College Students concerning Professor Fritz Hardy and his Political Science 101 class. He is a fully tenured professor with 12 years service to the college.

Apparently, Professor Hardy refers to our current U.S. President only as “Dr. Death,” and has, as a classroom exercise, held a war crimes trial for “crimes against humanity” where the Professor served as the judge. Then, tying the entire exercise to a death penalty discussion, he held sentencing the next day, and gave the President the death penalty. The instructor then took the class outside to proceed to hang a dummy replica of the President from the lone cherry tree in the Chris Bailey Memorial Garden. While it hung, the Professor poured gasoline on it and lit it on fire.

Others students and the union faculty representative have strongly defended Professor Hardy saying he uses “shock and awe” as a technique to stimulate discussion both for and against current U.S. policies.

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Item #4: Neo-Nazis Rally/First Amendment
(Submitted by CC)

John Hidler, local organizer of the Template, a local neo-Nazi group has sent LDP College the following letter:

Mr. John Hidler
Supreme Poo-Bah for Life
Order of the Template
P.O. Box 000
St. Urban, Washington
1020304

Dear LDP College:

We, the local order of the Template, a white power Christian organization, would like to stage a massive assembly/protest on your College grounds. We wish to protest discrimination against the great white race. We intend to display large swastikas on the campus lawn, and burn a 12 foot tall cross.

We will arrive at your campus the first day of Fall Quarter at 8:00 a.m. and plan to rally until noon. We will have a beer garden at the Diversity Tower on the square during that time frame.

We would appreciate it if you would contact the local press so we can make this a very publicized event for the Template and for your institution.

Sincerely,
John Hidler

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