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THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Executive Staff
From: Joseph Shoben
Subject: A point of departure on governance

Our primary agenda item for this afternoon -- one of the basic concerns of the College at this point -- is the problem of the fundamental template on which the structure of governance at Evergreen can be fruitfully based. Two points are rather important for us.

The first is a time constraint. For our area to make its fullest contributions here, we ought to shoot for (a) a clarifying exploration today, (b) some fairly explicit recommendations and specifications of central issues next week, and (c) consideration of a position paper the following week that summarizes our position (in so far as we're able to formulate one) and that gives an indication of any problems that we are not ready to resolve but that we think should become part of the larger discussions and a part of the deliberations of the President's Council.

Second, our point of departure is defined by a gadget concocted by the College Advisory Committee at a meeting a couple of years ago in San Francisco. The attached circular chart had the art of conceptualizing a flat organizational pattern. Nobody seems to remember very clearly the nature of the interchanges out of which this sketch grew, and I don't know that we need to spend a great deal of time on it unless we find it helpful. It does, however, represent a focus of concern for the business people and for the academic staff as well as for us, so we should be prepared to report at least our own reactions to it.

See you at one o'clock (or a very few minutes thereafter) this afternoon.

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Attachment

