



**Finance Committee Minutes
Student Center, PDR, February 24, 2016**

Attendees: D. Bertolino, M. Bixby, R. Correia-Branco, T. Gorczyca, R. Haskell, E. Hayes-Johnson, S. Lancaster, T. Machado, A. Morse, L. Nadeau, C. Nuncio, R. Silva, L. Buckley

Guest: David Gingerella

Chair Andy Morse called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. The February 10th minutes were approved with two minor typo edits.

David Gingerella discussed the following topics:

Enrollments

Enrollments are significantly below what was budgeted for in the spring. However, through creative cost containments, we are ok for the current fiscal year. As enrollments continue to go down, the cost of maintaining space at the campuses and other issues become difficult. All our other sister institutions are in the same boat. David reminded us that President Glenn is very strategic – he will not go across the board with cuts.

Solar Panels

It doesn't seem to be financially feasible. The storage buildings showed us that there is a lot of ledge in the parking lots. This would make the solar project very expensive, as dry wells are also necessary.

Spurk

We have a final design – it is being bid out and we are hoping to have them back by the middle of March. If we get the money from the state, we will go forward with the Spurk renovation – We are fairly certain that we will get the money and will know for sure before Graduation. Construction renovation will begin when the fiscal year starts – July 1st. But as we know, the new governor is cutting back personnel at DCAMM and is looking at renovating the MBTA among his priorities.

The college is delighted with the swing space – the library is being enjoyed by all with the computer lab and classroom space. Classrooms at the bottom of Building B are fully air-conditioned, with new lighting.

Opportunity Works (OW) is going to be terrific also – some of the classrooms do not have outside windows but are equipped with interior windows. The Observer will be there, along with marketing, and some faculty offices. OW will help to transfer Riverwalk space to this campus. OW will become our Continuing Ed place, along with the bottom of B&E.

It was noted that the Bomb Threat Assessment Training was very worthwhile and attended by many. On March 8, the “Run Hide Fight” and “See Something Say Something” videos should be very well attended as we live in a different world today. It is ok to be nosey - asking people to go back to a neighborhood watch lifestyle – See Something Say Something.

The iHealth building security problem has been addressed. More coverage has been arranged.

Recommendations for Lane will be mailed sometime by the end of March.

Several of last year's recommendations have been resolved, such as Little Spouts, the January Intercession, IT issue, and the Dominican Republic recommendation.

With no further issues to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Buckley

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