

Impact/Space Committee Minutes

Tuesday July 23, 2013

Food Service Provider Change/NexDine:

- As of August 3, NexDine will be our primary food service provider. If you would like to use another food service provider, it must be signed off on by a VP or higher.
- Mike Adams is the on-sight manager
- Ordering can be done by phone with Mike or online through NexDine's Online Menu program "CaterTracks"
- At the start of the semester, food will only be available at Jitters.
- The main contact person for NexDine is David Gingerella.
- NexDine can handle any type of catering, from lunch to events. Catering can be simple sandwiches to a full hot dinner.
- They can handle last minute orders, the more lead time they have, the better they can serve us.

Bookstore:

- People were asked for suggestions on a new name for the bookstore. The name that had the most support was "The Hub". A new logo was circulated.
- The hope is that it will become a meeting place for students to gather before/after class and socialize.
- The link on the college's website will say "Bookstore" and not "The Hub" to decrease any confusion.
- Ultimately it was decided that both bookstores at NECC will be called "The Hub"

Contract for UMass Lowell:

- NECC will be charging UML \$5 per credit for use of student facilities.
- UML has suggested a few minor contract revisions. Contract will be finalized in a few weeks.
- UML students will share ID's with us (UML at NECC)
- They have agreed to not issue any classes that would compete with NECC
- The agreement states that if NECC decides to start offering a class that was previously offered by UML, UML will discontinue that class in favor of ours.
- We want the 4 year colleges to compliment us, not compete with us.

Welcoming Center:

- As you drive onto campus, it will be in the center aisle. You can pull off to the side of the road to stop and ask questions.
- The building will be made to look like a residential property, so it follows the contour of the rest of the buildings on Elliott Street.

- Since UMass Lowell and ValleyWorks are on to campus, we have increased the need for people to answer questions, provide directions.
- This will be staffed 24/7 (when Public Safety Officer is not on rounds)

Parking Policy Update:

- Met with AFSME and had very positive conversations.
- We have reinstated free parking lots. Tech Center lot in Haverhill and Buckley Garage in Lawrence
- Reduced parking sticker prices from \$25.50 to \$17.00 per year
- The Board of Trustees was unanimous in their vote for implementing the parking policy for faculty and staff as long as everyone is treated the same way.
- Special event parking is possible if you let public safety know ahead of time about your event.
- Faculty and Staff can park anywhere on campus, while students will be restricted to certain lots.
- Parking stickers will be a part of the enrollment process. For those who have already enrolled, there will be a grace period to obtain a parking sticker before it starts getting enforced.
- For large campus events such as Awards, Convocation, and Commencement, we will look into not enforcing the parking policy

Campus Alcohol Policies:

- Allison has been doing research into colleges with the ability to serve alcohol at campus events . She looked into Greenfield Community College, who has always had a catering company who would provide the college with a temporary “day of” liquor license. This would allow the college to serve (not sell) liquor at events.
- Allison reported that the college loses a lot of business because we do not have the ability to serve alcohol on the premises.
- Many colleges within the state do allow for alcohol on campus.
- With the addition of an on campus liquor license, we have the possibility of more outside rentals which means more revenue
- NexDine does handle liquor licenses and liquor needs.
- The question was raised of “are we sending the wrong message to students by having liquor at on campus events?” It was made clear that liquor would not be served at any student events or gathering.

Signage:

- There will be 2 phases for new on campus signage. Temporary and long term
- UMass Lowell should be using their logo on signage to differentiate between UML and NECC
- Currently, ValleyWorks and UML are on the electronic sign board at the entrance to Haverhill campus.

- We are using temporary white ground signs for ValleyWorks and will soon be using them for UML as well.
- Decided on a subcommittee for signage: Dick, Ron, and Lori

Lawrence Video Conferencing:

- Martha, Allison, Chuck, and Jeff will work on if we need the extra video conferencing room and how much it will cost to add it to Allied Health/420 Common/Amesbury Street.

MVRTA/NECC Shuttles and Student ID's:

- MVRTA has agreed to start running one bus a day totally dedicated from bring NECC students back and forth between Lawrence and Haverhill campuses.
- The bus ride would run between 45-60 minutes in total.
- We will still run our shuttles, but only to supplement the buses. We are hoping to not have to use the vans.
- We have constant requests by sports and student groups to use the shuttles, but it is tough to grant them use because the shuttles/vans are being used for transportation between the two campuses.
- We moved 19,000 people between the two campuses last year alone.
- Buses will be free. They will hold approximately 50 people. They are open to students and faculty and staff.
- While it is free for students to ride the bus, the college will be charged \$1.00 for every person riding the bus. While this seems expensive, it is less than paying for shuttle drivers, gas, and wear and tear on the vans.
- Students will be required to show your NECC ID to use the bus.
- People brought up that we should not set inconvenient hours for students to get ID's. Hours need to be better and longer.
- The ID's will be free, but replacement for lost ID's will be \$5.00
- Suggested to get a group together to talk about ID's and do it quickly. ID Subcommittee?