



Finance Committee Minutes
Student Center, PDR, Room SC 106
April 29, 2015

Attendees: Andy Morse, Despina Lambropoulos, Rick Haskell, Allan Hislop, Cristina Nuncio, Deirdre Budzyna, Linda Giampa, Kelsey Terry, Regina Correia-Branco, Marie Burchell, Thomasine Corbett, Lynne Nadeau, Linda Buckley

Chair Andy Morse called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. The minutes of the April 1st and 15th meetings were approved.

Little Sprouts: It was noted that the child care center, Little Sprouts, will not be closing. There may be more discussion in the future about building a facility on campus.

Administration Interviews: Andy suggested that the committee conduct interviews with members of the administration earlier than in the past, such as November or December, as it would be best if the committee's recommendations were submitted in March or April, prior to the administration working on the budget.

Issues or Questions for Administrators:

- It was recommended that someone from the business or economics department be on the committee in order to better interpret the budget.
- Learning about funding for conferences and how they are included in the budget would be another issue to address.
- To follow-up on Bill Zanini's question about how to improve classrooms – Is the technology outdated? Slow computers? Poor lighting for screen projection? It was recommended that a ticket be opened when anyone encounters these problems, as IT may find a solution that may be specific to one's computer. Is funding for these matters a separate item from the renovations? It was recommended that new faculty be given an orientation regarding the helpdesk and these classroom issues.
- The committee asked that a checklist be compiled to follow-up on the recommendations.
- The following items were discussed about the parking policy: How many tickets were given out; Is it possible to put the boot on? Can having many tickets keep people from graduating? It was suggested that the parking fees be applied to a scholarship fund, similar to other colleges.
- Parking in Lawrence - Will it be a nightmare with five full programs moving to Lawrence?
- Student Issues: One issue noted was the need for more funding for the tutoring center.
- SI – how many students avail themselves of an SI session? The results seem poor in humanities and writing courses.

On the whole, Andy was very satisfied with the recommendations for next year. With no further issues, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Buckley

May 8, 2015