



**Finance Committee Minutes  
Student Center, PDR, March 23, 2016**

**Attendees:** R. Correia-Branco, R. Haskell, S. Lancaster, A. Morse, C. Nuncio, R. Silva, J. Zubrow, Linda Buckley

**Guest:** David Gingerella

Chair Andy Morse called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. The minutes of the March 9<sup>th</sup> committee meeting were approved.

**David Gingerella** responded to a topic brought to his attention by Christina Nuncio, namely that it was noted on the website that HEP had plans to leave iHealth. David stated that there were no plans to curtail any of the programs and that the issue is in the negotiating stages. He therefore could not state anything further until the negotiations were finalized.

For the annual recommendation letter to Lane, David suggested that the Finance Committee be supportive of Lane, as he has a difficult job, working with a Board of Trustees which expects excellence. The committee's participation is a very productive way to keep the campus informed. When the renovation of the exterior of the Dimitry building is completed, that will be one of the last items of deferred maintenance, which is a great accomplishment.

David reminded everyone that a significant challenge is building additional space while there is a reduction in enrollment. He reminded everyone that we all have a responsibility to help recruit and retain students. The state is not funding the full amount of the collective bargaining, which presents a real challenge. Retention is critical, as the college is losing additional older students between the ages of 23 and 35. On a positive note, NECC is very dedicated to tutoring and advisement opportunities for its students. Another area that we can emphasize to prospective students is our athletic facilities, which many community colleges do not have. Another improved feature that can attract students is the new computer lab in the library. This will add to the students' experience and improve retention.

David reminded the committee that there is a need for additional male students in Lawrence.

David expressed his appreciation of being a member of this team for the past five years and was proud of the many impressive changes on campus that the committee has helped promote.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Buckley

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