

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL
Minutes of Tuesday, 21 April 2015 at 3 p.m.
Construction Site Meeting Room, Western Heights

Members present: Carol Adams-Shearer (Graduate Student Association), Todd Barkman, Lynne Heasley, David Dakin, Kieran Fogarty, C. R. Krishna-Swamy, Colleen Scarff, and Gay Walker

Guests: Diane Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs; Pete Strazdas, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management; Patti VanWalbeck, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance; Janice Quackenbush, Director for Business Operations, Student Affairs and Linda Poquette, Business and Finance

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Welcome

Council Chair Kieran Fogarty welcomed everyone to the meeting at 3 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made by Barkman to accept the agenda as presented, supported by Walker. Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes of 17 March 2015

A motion was made by Adams-Shearer to approve the minutes of 17 March 2015, supported by Scarff. Motion passed.

Chair's Comments – Kieran Fogarty

Fogarty thanked Jim Gilchrist, vice provost for budget and personnel, for being open and accommodating for the budget information. The Faculty Senate Executive Board will review the Budget Modeling Report and it will then be provided to the Faculty Senate. Fogarty emphasized that this is only a beginning review and does not mean that we will be going to a new budget model.

Information/Discussion Items

Todd Barkman – Ad Hoc Committee – Budget Modeling Report

An ad-hoc subcommittee report on budgeting within the Office of Academic Affairs was emailed to council members. The report summarizes the discussions that took place and draws attention to what we wanted to talk about, specifically, the general fund.

Barkman stated that the report includes not only the colleges under Academic Affairs but several other departments that fall under the arm of Academic Affairs. A request was made for clarification as to what areas are included under Enrollment Management. In response to a question, Barkman noted that the Office of the Ombudsman is under the Office of the President.

The report includes two models with detail – the Incremental Budget Model and the Responsibility Center Model. The report includes a summary of the committee's discussion of each model with some of the perceived benefits and problems. Barkman noted that the Incremental Budget Model is simple to implement and noted some benefits and deficiencies.

RCM, the Responsibility Center Model, is more decentralized and receives revenue generated within a department with the idea that a better program could be feasible under this model. Problems could be perceived because a department would have to cover all of its own costs.

Barkman reviewed the subcommittee's recommendations. With each model it is important to remember to include the dynamics of enrollment.

The council was requested to review and to send comments to Barkman or Fogarty. The committee requested council members to be more inclusive and give opinions. Heasley would like to have questions presented to the Senate Executive Board before presenting to the Faculty Senate.

Action Item

Guided Tour of New Residence Halls, Western Heights

Diane Anderson, vice president, and Janice Quackenbush, director of business operations, both from the Division of Student Affairs, along with representatives from Miller Davis, would be the guides for the tour of Western Heights, the new residence halls.

Anderson thanked the council for its support and stated that the model was striving for social interaction. The project is an auxiliary operation and will be funded with the revenue from room and board.

Student input was sought during the planning and open house sessions were provided for the students. The kitchen and laundry areas, air conditioning in the bedrooms and the location of the residence halls are well liked by the students. The occupancy is single gender by house and could be changed to co-ed in the future.

Jim Nichols, the lead for the outside architectural firm Lord Aeck Sargent who is the architect of record on the residence hall project, provided a presentation on Western Heights and described the areas called "pods." Socialization was important in the planning of the residence halls. The goal is to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification for the building.

Miller Davis has an excellent safety record and is using Michigan contractors, giving a positive local economic impact. The construction manager from Miller Davis reviewed the status of each building and reviewed an overview of the spaces that are currently online.

In response to questions on recycling, ninety-five percent of the construction waste has been recycled, which does not increase or decrease costs.

Adjournment

At 4 p.m., a motion was made by Walker to adjourn, seconded by Barkman.
Motion passed.

Linda Poquette
Recording Secretary