Agenda topics

3:00 – 3:05

CALL TO ORDER

HARVEY STERNS

The vice chair called the meeting to order. He asked for additions to the agenda. There being none, the agenda was approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

The vice chair asked for additions or corrections to the December 10 University Council (UC) minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

3:05 – 3:20

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

HARVEY STERNS

The vice chair read the attached [Steering Committee report](#).

UC members received the attached [standing committee expectations](#). The following changes were made to the document and it will be emailed to standing committee chairs.

- In the first sentence, it’s was changed to its
- On page 3, Athletics and recreation committee was changed to Recreation and wellness committee

3:20 – 3:20

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HARVEY STERNS

There were none at this time.
**Budget and Finance** – VP Cummins addressed the questions raised at the December UC meeting about revenue generated by the facilities fee.

The facilities fee for undergraduate students is $18.55 per credit hour maximized at $222.60/term (12 hours). The amount generated in FY13 was $10 million and the estimate for FY14 is $9.5 million.

There will be a change in the way revenue will be allocated in FY14. In FY13 and prior, funds are allocated for debt services and operating expenses for the Student Recreation Center and the Student Union. Beginning in FY14, the revenue will be used for debt services for the Student Union, Student Recreation Center, Stile Field House and InfoCision Stadium. This change addressed a legal concern and generated General Fund savings in debt services. In exchange, General Fund is provided to the Student Union and Student Recreation Center for operations.

**Communications** – No report.

**Information Technology:**

1. The committee provided the attached response to an issue brief about internet connectivity: [Internet Connectivity Issue Brief Response](#).

2. The committee acknowledges that there are networking issues on campus due to an increase in demand on an aging network. The demand has increased to 3 – 5 IP addresses per person. There will be a major upgrade to the wireless network within the next 12 – 18 months.

3. There is one Ethernet port in each dorm room. Over time, it is the intent to stop wiring buildings and make connectivity wireless so Ethernet ports are not needed. Students on the IT committee are providing input on the upgrade plan.

4. A subcommittee has been created to work with IT staff and the web team to create a webpage for laboratory information. Faculty and students will be able to find out if a lab is open, the type of equipment available in each lab and access a virtual lab when a lab is not available.

**Physical Environment:**

1. At the October UC meeting, the UC supported the MetroParks proposal of extending the Freedom Trail to the University Campus. The trail will touch campus on land that is owned by the foundation. The foundation approved the proposal and the project can move forward.

2. Solar panels are being installed on the Stile Field House. The project is 80% complete and the panels are already producing electricity. The panels should be fully operational by spring.

3. A question was raised about changing seating in Olin Hall from individual chairs with writing tables to stationary tables. Small group work will be difficult with this type of seating. VP Curtis explained that capitol planning does not dictate seating. The decision is made by a committee of the user group. VP Curtis offered to look into the matter.
Public Affairs and Development – No report.

Recreation and Wellness – No report.

Student Engagement and Success:
1. First time freshman applications for Fall 2014 have increased by 44% and the applicant pool quality is better than last year.

2. The committee thanked faculty for their participation at scholarship events.

3. Scholarship awards are now going to students with their admissions offer. Students will also receive a report listing all of their scholarships.

Talent Development and Human Resources – No report.

4:10 – 4:10 NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

There was none at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. by unanimous consent.