

Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee

January 14, 2015

Minutes

Present: J. Artiss, J. Sawasky, R. Ackerman, I Avrutsky, K. Kumasi, H. Matthew, L. Pile, T. R. Reddy, T. Bazzi, D. Golodner

Absent with Notice: J. Moseley, L. Samavati, M. Barnes

Absent: B. Morrow, J Withey

Guest: N. Staebler, VP Economic Development

Meeting began at 10:00AM.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2015, 10:00AM, Rm. 1270 FAB

I. WELCOME:

II. M1 RAIL PROJECT AND ITS ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON WSU – Ned Staebler, VP Economic Development.

Mr. Staebler is of the opinion that the M1 project will have a minimal but positive affect on WSU. In the past two years sixty new businesses have opened in Midtown, these businesses should be helped by M1 which in turn will benefit the university. Currently there is a very popular shuttle bus between the main campus and the downtown running on Friday nights, once the M1 is up and running the shuttle will become unnecessary. It is hoped that the M1 will also reduce some of the automobile traffic around the campus but this relies somewhat on the availability of parking at the south end of the line. There is a faculty group that is trying to secure funding to study the effects of the light rail service. The university is exploring the possibility of opening some of its parking lots during off hours for validated and/or valet parking. This service would be targeted at people coming from the suburbs who may want to avoid the downtown traffic by parking at the university and then boarding the M1.

In addition Mr. Staebler mentioned that a bike sharing program will be starting in 2016. The university is discussing a Park and Ride program with SMART. The university is also exploring the possibility of significant discounts for students using the various regional public transportation systems.

III. REPORT FROM CHAIR:

The chair informed the committee that he had not followed-up on the Old Main No Smoking signage as the President announced a campus-wide ban before he had had a chance to.

The chair also reported that winter registration was unchanged from last year and that there was a committee looking into how to mitigate the burden of the changes to the fringe benefit charges.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2014:

Minutes were approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

The chair asked Mr. Bazzi for an update on the e-mail situation involving LGBTQ students. Mr. Bazzi will consult with other members of the Student Senate and will report back to the FSST committee at its next meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Sawasky mentioned that C&IT was developing a new IT Awareness Training program for all faculty to take advantage of via internet or departmental meetings. This program is in response to recent very expensive breaches that have occurred at WSU as well as a few other institutions. Mr. Sawasky will arrange for his staff to present the program to the FSST committee during the March meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: