

Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee

February 11, 2015

Minutes

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

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

Absent: B. Morrow, J Withey, H. Matthew, T. R. Reddy

Meeting began at 10:00AM.

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

I. WELCOME:

II. RESULTS OF DAYCARE SURVEY – J. Artiss, Chair FSST.

Mr. Artiss presented the results of the survey sent to all members of the WSU community that was conducted between December 4, 2014 and January 14, 2015. There were 1,848 individuals who completed the survey which exceeded our target of 1,000. More than half of the respondents were students (graduate and under graduate). Most (1,559) of the respondents were from the main campus although there were an additional 254 from the SOM. A majority of respondents currently rely on friends and family for taking care of their child/children while at WSU. Eight hundred and fifty-three (853) respondents answered that they would use a safe, convenient and affordable on-campus daycare center immediately. Most of the students appear to want fewer than 20hrs/wk while most of the faculty and staff appear to require 20-40hrs/wk. Equal numbers of respondents require daycare during the mornings and afternoons while about one-third require evenings. The majority of respondents would prefer to pay hourly as opposed to a 20 or 40hr/wk plan. 38% of all respondents and 46% of student respondents live within 10 miles of campus which indicates 55-60% of respondents are commuting over 10 miles to WSU. Discussion followed as to where a center might be located. The chair agreed to speak with Jim Sears about this. There was general consensus that an on-campus daycare would aid in the recruitment and retention of students, staff and faculty. The chair agreed to invite Anna Miller of the Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute Early Childhood Center to speak at the March FSST meeting.

III. REPORT FROM CHAIR:

The chair informed the committee that the search for a new VPF was underway and that it is hoped that someone with academic experience will be in place by April 1, 2015.

The chair also reported that winter registration was down 2%.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 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 did not have details on the e-mail situation; however he did report that the LGBTQ committee had met with the President, Provost and BOG. There is a meeting in March with Dr. Chamblee to look into establishing a new resource center on campus as the existing facility is not very functional.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Pile raised concerns over the updated Travel Wayne software. Several of the members confirmed that apart from the aesthetics little had changed and that the software was still very difficult to use. Ms. Pile suggested that, in light of the Academe software, C&IT be encouraged to develop an in-house solution.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: