



Student Budget Committee

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., University Centre, Level 4, Room 441

Present: Brenda Whiteside; Rocky Narang; Patrice Bigaignon; Hesham Farag; Deluchini Sivagnanasuntharam; Christy Barnes; Carson Burtwistle, and Keely Kavcic. Also present, Irene Thompson

Minutes

1. Review Meeting Notes

No changes were made to the notes from the previous meeting.

2. Rumors

It was asked if the heat is turned off during reading week and that is why there is always flooding in the Science Complex. It was noted that the university is still open over reading week and faculty and staff are still working. So, this must be fluke. Brenda will remind Don O'Leary to keep the heat on. ☺

Presentation(s)

3. Student Housing Services

Irene presented the Student Housing Budget (attached). Rates have not yet been finalized, but looking to a cost of living increase (1.8%). This will keep our rates in the middle of our comparators (between 5th and 6th).

Q: Do we pay attention to those students who do not ask for East and get assigned there as it is more expensive. It was noted that they do not have to pay the meal plan so could save money there. Students can also request a transfer and there is lots of movement long before the start of the semester.

Q: Can you change the room configurations for South. Very tough due to the concrete walls. Perhaps the upper floors. The building will be standing long after we are gone.

There was support for the focus of SHS on staff salaries as we need to continue to support our residence life staff. We also need to look to other ways to compensate – perhaps recognition on the transcript.

4. Tuition

Brenda Whiteside presented the tuition proposal (attached), noting that we are in the preliminary stages of review. Charlotte Yates will return with tuition at the next meeting. There were no major comments on the presentation.

5. Comments, questions, concerns, and/or recommendations for the report

Put in something regarding staffing salaries for SHS?

6. Dry Run of the Presentation

Students gave suggestions on the presentation and wished the group good luck.

Meeting Schedule

1. Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; UC 441 (Dinner) – C. Yates to Attend
2. Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.; UC 441 (Treats)
3. Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in UC424 (Treats)
4. Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; UC 441 (Dinner)