

Infrastructure Council Minutes

November 30, 2009

Present: Jane Brockmann, Chair, Betsey Creveling, Michelle Foss, Marjorie Hoy, John Ingram, Bill Millard, Mark Orazem, Ed Poppell, Leah Rosenberg, Naomi Young, Tim Young, Matt Fajack

Absent: Jessica Clements, Chuck Frazier, Shannon Holliday, Andy McCollough, Carol Walker,

Introductions were made and the minutes for the previous meeting approved.

The Chair reported from the Senate Steering Committee. There was further discussion of the RCM implementation. Sick leave payouts will continue. A new student union is to be constructed, and the current building will be further renovated. As with all construction projects, parking and traffic flow will be affected. To cover construction costs, students will be assessed a \$50/term fee. Graduate students use the union less often; distance students may never set foot in it. They object to the fee. Should the Infrastructure Council be involved in this matter?

Next, we had an extended discussion of the error correction charges proposed by Finance and Accounting. Matt Fajack responded to the questions and comments provided before the meeting. Some of the major points:

- No faculty members were consulted, as this policy was not believed to affect faculty.
- There is no plan for an appeal process, even after the six-month trial period.
- Even after the trial period, errors must reach a “threshold” (yet to be determined) before fees will be incurred.
- The amount of the charges and the frequency of different types of errors were based on “back-of-the-envelope” estimates, not hard data derived through reports.
- Error fees will be paid into the Strategic Fund. Finance & Accounting will also be assessed fees.

The Council decided these responses did not eliminate our concerns. Discussion ensued concerning the best language for a resolution to be submitted to the Steering Committee, and possibly the full Senate.

There was a brief report on IT issues, particularly computing security.

The University Libraries Committee reported that in March, there will be updates on the Institutional Repository and Open Access.

Respectfully Submitted,

Naomi Young