

PIE Council Minutes
October 17, 2008
1:30 p.m.
Welty Boardroom

Members Present: Shaochen Yang, James Ward, Marie Byrne, Rusty King, Mark Bean, Twila Alpe, Dave Haffly, Amy Swingle, Nora Miller, John Davis, Barbara Garrett, Van Roberts (for Marty Hatton), Eric Daffron (Chair)

Members Absent: Kristen Barnes, Brandon Newsom, Randy Stewart, Bobby Fuggitt, Tina Blackwell, Perry Sansing, Gary Bouse, Carla Lowery, Cathy Smith, Larry Jones, Cassie Derden

Items Distributed: Spring 2008 Faculty and Staff Satisfaction Surveys, MUW Campus Master Plan, Progress Report on goals 5 and 9

The minutes from the September 19, 2008 meeting were approved by Council members.

Eric Daffron reviewed the spring 2008 Faculty and Staff Satisfaction Surveys. A discussion followed on whether to add a question on both surveys addressing quality of life and how this might contribute to overall satisfaction at the University. Productions, lectures, symposiums, campus recreation program, art exhibits, etc. were some of the examples given. There was also discussion of adding a question about service learning to the faculty survey, based on a suggestion from a spring 2008 PIE Council meeting. Both surveys were approved with these additions.

Nora Miller presented updates for MUW's Master Plan. There are three Phases involved in the plan for MUW and two phases for MSMS. There have been a series of meetings between MUW and MSMS. One of the goals for MSMS is to create a distinct identify for themselves. Currently, there is nothing which really identifies where they are. Parking is an issue which affects the entire campus. People need to be directed to where parking is which will mean more walking. Surveys are performed regularly on the number of cars, both faculty and students. Plans are for us to become a more pedestrian campus. There are still areas where parking is available but not being utilized due to location. A presentation was made in the summer to both the Senate and the House Ways and Means Committee. Several buildings on campus are on the historic register which affects what needs to be done with them. The top three facilities requests for MUW are: Fire Suppression Systems, Poindexter Renovation and the Library Expansion and Renovation. Two of the challenges faced are restoring older buildings compared to building new ones and meeting space needs if enrollment increases (e.g., residence halls).

Eric Daffron gave updates on MUW Goals 5 and 9 for W-2009.

Items included in these goals are:

Goal 5: Promote effective organizational principles.

ID Card Services has initiated a program in which one card serves for multiple purposes. The Book End now has new hours in order to better serve the students while Food Services now has new operating hours and menu choices. The Comptroller's Office monitors accounts payable and travel procedures. Communications have improved using both the MUW homepage and campus email. The IR website publishes both non-sensitive and sensitive data, with a special WebCT site used for the sensitive data. IR has also assumed responsibility for coordinating surveys on campus to avoid duplication and survey fatigue. The Campus Master Plan is also a part of Goal 5. In 2006, MUW adopted the Academic Master Plan. ITS has implemented a PC Replacement Plan.

Goal 9: Provide physical resources, infrastructure, and technology to advance the educational, operational, and public service goals of the University.

Resources Management and Facilities Management have both implemented on-line services. The number of gifts has increased. Reports show relatively little crime. Most staff either agree or strongly agree they feel safe on campus. Campus facilities and services for person with disabilities have improved.

Other business:

Campus Recreation has a Benchmarking survey which will be sent via facstaff email within the next two weeks.

The meeting was adjourned until November.