
Members Absent: J. Miller, C. Haller, C. Craddock, A. Nash

Guests Present:
Michael Harwood, Assistant Dean for Student Life
Darren Peterson, Director of Dining Services

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Kiffmeyer at 5:40 pm.

Michael provided a power point presentation on the Residence Life (RL) Budget. Michael shared the guiding principles for RL, intent of the fee/room rental and apartment rent, description of RL facilities, and comparative room rates with other institutions. A 3% increase was proposed for residence halls; 0 – 3% increase proposed for apartments. New expenses as well as future capital facility improvements were identified.

Darren, also in a power point presentation, provided a background on Dining Services and history of meal plan rates. A 3% increase has been proposed, with increased food costs and capital facility and equipment improvements noted. RHA was expected to vote on the Residence Life and Dining services proposed increases Monday evening (January 26).

The December 8, 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

Tim requested feedback on NHRI/Lindsay Hastings January 7th presentation. Faculty felt it was a good program, but questioned the resources (financial and human) needed to implement such a program; they also indicated it would be an opportunity to partner with the community. Tim indicated he plans to pilot the program for three years as he sees it as building human capital and a recruitment tool.

Small group discussion took place regarding the article “Well-Prepared in Their Own Eyes.” As a large group, comments included: change in gen ed outcomes appears to match what employers want; are employers making fair comparisons and what’s the responsibility of employers; and importance of internships, student organizations, and out-of-classroom experiences.

The next meeting will be February 23, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Lonbaken, Dean for Student Wellness