

MINUTES

II NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion: Tuition Increase

Derek Miller spoke on the proposed tuition increase. At the last Board of Regents' meeting there was a discussion of a 10% tuition increase. Derek Miller spoke for the Coalition of Student Leaders and asked where the tuition increase would go. A survey was distributed amongst the three MAU's. Students at this time are not willing to pay for a 10% increase. Personally, he does not disagree with the increase. There are some fact sheets going around which explain what the increase will do for students. He hopes for more open dialogue with students to answer their questions and encouraging open forums at each of the campuses.

Larry Ledlow asked about the downside of the tuition increase. Derek Miller indicated that it might hamper non-traditional students, either part-time or rural campus students. It will affect students in a variety of different ways and it is hard to give a general statement.

Godwin Chukwu asked how student comments would impact the Board of Regents. Derek Miller indicated that it would impact some members and not others. The vote to approve a tuition increase will be a simple majority.

President Hamilton is stressing the quality of education and the value students receive from the university.

The tuition increase will be discussed at the upcoming Faculty Alliance retreat with President Hamilton.

B. Discussion: Diversity & Tolerance

Larry Ledlow indicated that the Staff Council is looking at ways to promote diversity and tolerance on campus. This affects all of our groups. Staff Council has formed an ad hoc committee. He was hoping it would grow into a joint effort. The Office of Multicultural Affairs and Staff Council will continue to sponsor discussion forums on institutional climate. The question is where to go from here? And what can we do amongst our groups to promote these ideas that we were addressing in our motions. Larry Ledlow indicated that Staff Council adopted a motion similar to the Faculty Senate motion.

Pete Pinney indicated that an item on the Faculty Alliance is how to resolve issues through the different levels. If the Board is not receptive to changes in policy, the different units can make internal proclamations. The Office of Multicultural Affairs is looking at a Mardi Gras where the clubs that represent diversity on campus get together. There are other things that we can do to promote diversity.

Larry Ledlow spoke about mandatory training. Godwin Chukwu asked if the other MAUs were considering this idea. If other MAUs were involved it could be brought up through the Systemwide Governance Council. Derek Miller indicated that the students did not pass a motion.

The next forum on Institutional Climate is scheduled for Thursday, October 17th. Larry Ledlow encouraged everyone to attend. Maybe we can find a common thread to address diversity issues.

Larry Ledlow asked about a UAF policy. It was suggested that Chancellor Lind be invited to the next meeting. It was also suggested that Dr. LuJuana Williams be invited as well.

C. Motion to approve Academic Calendars for 2003-2004

Sheri Layral gave some background information on the proposed academic calendar. The Governance Coordinating Committee met last year and approved the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 academic calendar. Chancellor Lind approved only the 2002-2003 calendar. Questions were raised from Carla Kirts office about All Campus Day and the student

