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Finance and Services Minutes
Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Members present: Jeff Eisenbarth, Vidhu Aggarwahl, Lisa Tillmann, Larry Van Sickle, Barry Allen, Mike Gunter, Brynne Piotrowski, Eric Schutz; **guest:** Ken Miller

I. Call to order: by Mike Gunter, 12:34 p.m.

II. February minutes: Lisa Tillmann volunteered.

III. Amended minutes approved for January 13.

IV. Parking on campus: Ken Miller (director of Campus Safety) indicated that student and visitor compliance with parking regulations has risen dramatically. However, problems with faculty compliance persist. When warned about parking in loading docks, visitor spaces, 15-minute spots, and non-designated spots, a subset of faculty has become confrontational with campus security. F&S discussed the convenience (high) and cost (no annual fees, no tickets for any violation except parking in handicapped spaces) of faculty parking at Rollins versus on other campuses. The faculty F&S representatives agreed to request that our colleagues “cease and desist”: parking only in proper designated spots and treating campus security personnel with collegiality and respect. If the pattern persists, F&S agreed to spearhead an initiative to begin a ticketing system.

V. Resolution on Board of Trustee Representation: Mike Gunter reported that the Executive Committee (EC) expressed reservations about our proposal:

To enhance efficiency and communication, and in keeping with precedent established by both peer and aspirant institutions, we the Arts & Sciences faculty propose the addition of two members of full time teaching faculty to the Board of Trustees as well as at least one faculty representative on each standing committee of the Board.

“To enhance efficiency and communication” was considered inflammatory, and the EC would support neither representation on the Board at large nor on “each standing committee.” However, EC indicated that it would support representation on the Education committee. F&S discussed whether we needed the EC’s support to bring our proposal before the faculty. After consulting the by-laws, it did seem that the EC sets the agenda for faculty meetings. As our meeting time ran out, the group weighed the merits of going forward with our original proposal versus getting a “foot in the door”. Along the latter lines, Mike Gunter sent out the following revised proposal via e-mail:

The Arts & Sciences faculty request representation by full time teaching faculty on the Board of Trustees, specifically representation on the Education as well as the Business and Finance committees of the Board.