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Finance and Services Committee, 10/30/08

Present: Brynne Piotrowski (SGA), Jane Wurzelbacher, Lisa Tillmann, Vidhu Aggarwal, Jeff Eisenbarth, Eric Schutz, Michael Gunter, Larry VanSickle, Tyler J. Bett, Barry Allen

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Discussion of 1st meeting of Environment and Sustainability Committee held on October 27th as summarized by Barry Allen:

1. operations
 - a. lower costs of energy and water
 - b. recycling
 - c. policies and expectation
 - d. metering.....who on the campus use the most energy

2. construction
 - a. resources and impact on the purchasing power
 - b. LEED? Cost consideration for certification of each project.
 - c. Looking at occupancy sensors among other energy

3. transportation
 - a. bike's on the campus
 - i. There have been a high number of bike racks placed throughout the campus in the past year due to all the bikes being used by faculty, staff and students now.
 1. possible bike rental system on campus
 2. or possibly locate inexpensive bike purchasing locations
 - b. more hybrid cars
 - c. electric golf carts only

4. education
 - a. eco-Rollins and recycling program educating the students

5. Endowments

New Board committee on investment management may help our score on the Sustainability report and may specify to fund managers that we want to invest only in socially and ecologically acceptable firms.

Discussion of sponsoring a colloquium on ‘socially responsible/sustainable investing’ for early February. Discussion to be finalized at December 2nd week meeting.

Discussion of results of survey of peer/aspirant institutions re. faculty representation on the Board of Trustees. Almost all (22 of 24) had faculty representation at Board meetings and on major committees of the board.

Mike Gunter suggested a “take your trustee to work day” where members of the board visit classes and with faculty in their offices. [please leave door open!!]

Jeff Eisenbarth suggested that we ask for faculty and student representatives on 4 standing committees. Ask for 2 representatives at full board – one from faculty [president of faculty?] and one student [SGA president?].

Association of Governing Boards recommends that 1) trustees not involve themselves in ‘managing the college’; 2) that there be faculty representation on the board; 3) that faculty representatives be non-voting.

It was suggested that the bylaws of the board of trustees be posted on line.

The committee reviewed the data from the “A&S Strategic Priorities for 2009-2030”. We will ask the Dean what she would like for us to do with the data.

Should we add “gender identity and expression” to our statement of non discrimination? Diversity committee will supply us with data which we will review and forward to appropriate next stop.

Next meeting will be November 25th at 12:30pm in CSS 217, and then December 2nd.

- Submitted by Barry Allen