





VTA is planning on increasing fees by 30%. AS cannot support this increase. The AS President asked for university support in speaking out against the proposed increase.

e. Vice President for Student Affairs:

Classes started last Wednesday, and we are 3.5% over target. Classes are also packed. However, the Deans have been given a little flexibility to add students, since we are under the 5% over target limit.

Student Affairs expects to see deferred graduation happen down the road as more juniors are unable to get classes such as the 100W until their senior year.

Housing is as full as it was last year. The university had 150 housing appeals last year, nearly all of which were granted. That number is similar and perhaps slightly lower this year. The good news is that after several years of the mandatory housing requirement, the requirement does not seem to be a major issue, and hasn't been a major topic of conversation over recent months

f. Vice President for Administration and Finance:

The Division of Administration and Finance has had excellent feedback regarding the book buying policy. Several committee members commented that they had experienced some instances when adoptions didn't work. However, the system is a lot better than it was two years ago.

g. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (ISA):

There are two pending referrals that carried over from last year. The first is regarding online SOTES, and the second is about class scheduling.

h. Organization and Government Committee (O&G):

O&G will be working on a possible amendment to S06-7.

i. Professional Standards Committee (PS):

PS has several referrals that were carried forward from last year. The first is to review S91-9, Peer Review of Part-Time Faculty, and the second is to review and modify S06-6 where needed due to the new contract which allows for online SOTES. PS will consider a "bridge" policy to keep the current SOTES system in place for one additional semester while it works on modifications to S06-6 which covers SOTES implementation.

j. Provost:

The Provost would be open to modifications to the RTP process. The Provost would also like to see this process become more electronic (online and not hard copy) if contract changes allow it.

The Vice Provost for Administration and Personnel, Charles Whitcomb, has announced his intent to retire at the end of December 2012. The Provost will be revising this position and adding additional responsibilities.

k. Senate Administrator:

The Senate Administrator asked committee members to use caution when amending the minutes so that events and conversations that occur after the meeting are not mistakenly added as amendments to the minutes.

7. The committee discussed the Smoking Policy. Chair Von Till was contacted regarding the funds the county has for signage that are about to expire in 30 days. VP Bibb noted that all questions regarding this issue should be forwarded to Roger Elrod in the Student Health Center. The President's cabinet discussed how to proceed on this issue and will be creating a committee this Fall.

The minutes were taken and prepared by the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, on August 28, 2012. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on September 10, 2012.