

Minutes
Department Heads Meeting
Student Affairs and Campus Services
March 20, 2008

Dr. Tice announced that an ATP is going on today, so several are out for that.

Discussion was held relative to the budget situation. At this point, the House has recommended no cuts for Higher Education, also no new monies. However, the Senate has not made their recommendations yet—should know within the next week or so what they have come up with. Then, the House and the Senate will get together with the Governor and give us the results. We are now left with a “wait and see”, but Dr. Tice asked that departments be thinking and putting in writing their ideas for possible ways to cut their respective budgets. If there are any increases, that money will go toward the University’s Strategic Plan. It was noted that there are states (Florida, for example) that are taking huge cuts.

Note was made that the minimum wage is increasing. We are going to see a 12 percent increase in utilities cost. No new positions are to be put in place, and will be looking very carefully at filling vacant positions. Talked about the fact that there will be several people retiring under the KERS System prior to January, 2009.

Dr. Tice talked about the need to support our Strategic Plan and that assessment is critical at this time. Donna Gregory talked about the surveys that are taking place, to name a few—the Profile of the American College Student, Recreation benchmarking Survey, Sexual Assault Safety and Awareness Survey, Living/Learning Communities national survey, ACUHO Resident Study, Dining survey by Aramark, National College Health Assessment, wellness surveys, etc. Dr. Tice noted that now that we have this data, we need to make sure we do something with it. Also mentioned Eduventures and the work that that is transpiring with them.

The Talisman’s are in and asked everyone to come by the office and pick up their copies.

Tony Glisson announced that the Staff Development meeting is next week, and urged everyone to come out to hear Dr. Burch as she speaks to the group.

The Student Affairs/Campus Services picnic is scheduled for June 26. Dr. Tice urged the department heads to notify him or the Committee as to suggestions for this event.

Becky Bennett noted that the WKU Spring Job Fair is March 27 – 29 employers are slated to be there.

Scott Taylor thanked everyone for their nominations in regards to the Outstanding Student Leaders that will be honored.

Steve Rey made note of the Faculty-Staff Golf League starting up next week. Also, the Faculty/Staff Health Fair is scheduled for April 11—be sure and take advantage of that.

Terri Cunningham announced that the dedication ceremony for the new Health Services Building is April 17.

The ribbon-cutting dedication of Einstein Bagels is set for today, March 20 at 2:30 p.m. Einstein Bagels is doing well—are now open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.. The new restaurant with Popeye Chicken, et al will be opening up this Fall

Dr. Tice noted that Tracy Lara is leaving WKU—moving to Kent State. This is a real loss and an important position to fill. Tracy has worked hard on growing the Masters Program in Student Affairs.

Question was asked about the Student Affairs retreat. Dr. Tice said that he would like to focus on annual reports during the retreat (date yet to be set).

July 11 is the Annual Faculty-Staff Golf Tournament.

Postal rates are going up effective May 12.

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