

Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, March 9, 2005
SIUC
(submitted by C. Gibson)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Proposed Tuition and Fee increase: Wendler presented FY 07 proposal

1. 9% tuition increase (applies to freshman class only)
2. \$6/credit hour (max of 12 hours) Information Technology Fee
3. \$20/semester Student Services Building Fee
4. \$44/semester Athletics facility fee
5. \$107 increase in other fees (handout)

SIUC continues to be a better deal compared to comparable Illinois 4 year institutions (UIC, UIUC). Of prior tuition and fee increases, around 25% has been rolled back into student support and this commitment will continue.

Some BOT members wanted to know why the \$6 Info Tech fee would continue after the purchase of the new SIS system. Dr. Poshard answered that technology is changing faster than any of us can keep up with and that the new system might fill our needs for the next 15 years (at best) and then we would be faced with the same need at a much higher cost.

After listening to several constituency arguments, Dr. Poshard commented that we are to blame for our current financial crises as higher education has chosen not to participate in the democratic process of representation in government.

The May BOT meeting was moved to Tuesday, May 2, at SIUE.

ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

Campus Master Plan (proposal to integrate Land Use Plan with Saluki Way) was presented to the Board. Plenty of discussion centered around affordability for students, athletics over academics, etc. GSPC, Faculty Senate, USG all argued that athletics is being favored over academics. President Poshard presented several arguments to counter:

1. past five years have seen significant progress toward student, faculty, and

academic support.

2. Saluki Way proposals are predominantly academic in nature, not athletic
3. Saluki Way corrects some fundamental flaws in the Land Use Plan
4. SW is a plan to revitalize campus by shifting services to main campus and demolishing eyesores

Chancellor Wendler presented financial data indicating that of the improvements that have been completed, those in process, and those planned, athletics constitutes only 15% of the total dollar amount that has or will be spent.

Library: costs are up due to Katrina.

ACADEMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE

Nothing of significance to report

FORMAL MEETING

There was a resolution of appreciation made and presented to Presidents Walker's daughter.

Officers were elected: Tedirck remains chair, Hightower, vice-chair, Simmons, secretary

Public Comments: six individuals made various comments against Saluki Way and the tuition/fee increase.

All items were approved on via an Omnibus Motion with the exception of:

-Item VV: Authorization to purchase a new SIS system

BOT member Hicks requested that the item be tabled until the new fee has been voted on at the May meeting. The motion passed.