

Informal Meeting  
September 25, 2005

Addressing student fees and solidify student appointments

Transfer student not here

Brace – sgt arms

Evan Wilson -- paa rep

Donzhella – graduate rep

Isbell – paa rep

Brace Clement – Sgt. Of Arms – poli studies major – here two years ago and helped with new/current constitution, done sgt. Of arms before and president of college

Donzhella – Graduate Rep - first year in Illinois good way to learn about university and community, from California involved with community service not so much in student government but this is a smaller school to experience more

Evan – PAA – grad student in poli studies – got involved with campus organizations come from Indiana University where involved with housing residence council is important to get involved with campus to fix what people complain about and give representation, don't complain if you're not going to work against it, wants her voice to be heard

Isbell – PAA – friends in PAA from entire state, goal is to work with administration of paa here on campus and the leadership on college to integrate UIS, involve legislatures and people of the community, run for vice president wanted him to get involved more

Dan Johnson – Transfer rep – want to be senator to rep student body and be involved politically and serve public service – he is appointed

Appointments – all non-contested positions confirmed – tough decision on the PAA rep – decided to go with evan due to experience – Drews encouraged Jeffrey to contact her about ways to get involved because she would like him working with sga

Dr. Miller vice chancellor for student affairs – with your approval would like john ringle to present first – see copies distributed

John Ringle – we are proposing rate increase within all of housing, steep with recognizing that there are different rates for different courts – cable and electrical increases

- 6.2% all together increase – they vary from low of 4 to high of 9
- but those are in family housing units that are furnished, and we are talking about eliminated furnishing from family housing with two bedroom – most families will be having their own furniture anyway – rather provide their own, the furniture is old

- anticipate – absorb increase in electricity fees – earned 34% rate increase granted from company 9% is for this year – over and above regular fees – difficult to predict what fees will be
- make changes in cable line-up and increase programming costs – five or six channels that students request additional channels in fees for adding channels
- technology fee to be provided by office of campus technology – wanted to cause network access fee to all students who live on campus – we are against it but housing has to absorb it – range from \$25
- Dr. Miller ed tech has to bring it to us before charging it – if they want to bring it forward they need to bring it to the gov't
- glitch is when we talk about those fees which are not geared towards everyone they are not fees that would come by way of referendum, not part of university policy

Sam – wouldn't feel comfortable increasing for housing without discussing with – please do not use this edtech potential fee as a justification for your increase this year – this issue should be reserved for the cabinet, we have not dealt with it at all –

john – explain rationale for increasing number of residents and student support staff that are doing what they cannot support the funds, charge rates on other campuses – this is something that can be circumvented by everyone on campus

sam – people will refuse to pay that fee

john – do not want to increase fees if they do not have to – all left over money

chris – not an issue for this year and it needs more study, just heard talk not seen anything, it will be in UA's hand and hadn't had chance

sam – don't talk about tech fee then

john – that would be what is presented to board and other questions

chris – increases with housing allows for us to continue to invest and all money brought in is pumped back into housing – clover court renovation – auxiliary services are a stamina – 24% increase in insurance health, didn't budget for it – when you see these numbers, it is a painstaking process and want to keep housing available – our numbers and we are small we have less funding available – debt service continues to grow and are not able to meet our we are 1.7 mil total goes towards

-Bob -- increase in summer rates?

-John - They will go up accordingly as well – go back to rates for year and figure out for that summer – are not charged for in between summer and fall semesters, three weeks

sam – how do you plan to speak to those students that are saying housing costs are rising is people start moving off campus – everyone's is going up we are in debt – what would justify such a discrepancy

john – we are funding hrc not coming out of the programming board anymore

- what off campus increases will be – you can always find something if you want to pay less but you get what you pay for, you have support aspects and staff
- other student life opportunity, you are paying for convenience
- all fees paid for in one rate don't worry about splitting costs with roommates, choose who they are – you may have that option
- if you leave you are stuck with the costs – you get what you pay for

evan – moving to a four year institution, we will have a lot of freshmen and sophomore who need to be on campus, this seems to keep the older students to keep them off campus – beneficial to keep them on campus

john – current students will always have opportunity to be on campus – if you want to stay on campus you will get the chance to stay here – if you want to have the latitude in the past and not give specific answer for deadline that will be firm this year – they will lose their opportunity

Sam – off campus student who moved off – I don't feel comfortable – from her perspective – much nicer for her personally off campus and she pays less – with Pell Grants being slashed — she would echo what Evan is saying, what is the best way to go around

Carrie – agree with Sarah convenience is a big thing and with gas prices she still pays less but I do not see my friends as much and stays on campus throughout the day, when mine increase, hers will too, all she can say is building student life and housing and student life will work together and need to benefit – necessary that student life increases along with housing

John – one hand funding the other including LLCC students, the programming costs of attending events in housing are subsidized out of housing the same way UIS students are and we are 98% fill right now – that will increase in the next years as more freshmen and sophomores –

Brace – freshmen and sophomore who are arriving – to raise again to pay for more housing – people having options to go off campus – our transit system is not the same as UIC or UIUC – we do not have different types of transportation to get on campus – students who do not have option of transportation –

John – share concerns that we are reaching a price limit – we have to obtain price competition – private sector will start to get involved and they will provide –

Evan – how much of the housing budgets being sets aside

John – series of reserve funds where all excess cash is being left

Evan – when we are looking at rates and looking at involving freshmen and sophomore including underage students – these prices are going to have to be paid whether they have it or not and it will affect whether those students can come to college at all – 17/18 will not be able to live off campus – putting them in adjustments in

John – we have had informal issues with housing the larger number of older students – there are a number of proposals –

Chris - in December we will have a formal plan in place and we have been talking about it for a couple years

- when we talk about the private sector and public we must remember that we are limited with rules, regulations, and laws that we cannot afford to compete either way
- there are parameters that we must follow – hands are tied in that regard – we do our best from food services to housing to anything that you can name we are attempting to give you the least price, it is difficult – any repairs and renovations are going to be complicated by the rebuild the golf reason – the rest of the country will be affected

brace – 98% how much is that UIS students

john - high 90's or low 90s we have 84 Lincoln land students we are housing rotating interns for the siu hospital – we are at 90% with uis students – we marketed to Lincoln land students – turned away UIS to live in the flats

Bob – if we do not have space for all of them and turn away Lincoln land students – for the last year and a half we have had athletes from Lincoln land – we can retain some of them because they have stayed for five semesters and are willing to pony up money – we would have to make as much availability – where the point is where we are mostly having llcc students turning away,

John – we are getting them to feed into UIS

Sam – llcc athletic department wants the housing at uis, what would be enticement from athletic departments to have these rooms

John – want residency – we are not going to be turning away uis – if we turn away Lincoln land students on the assumption that we will have uis students that will fill that spot if they leave, as we run a business we cannot turn away someone who is willing to stay here and have that place go vacant

Brace – if they are going to be staying here they do not pay the same

Chris – there is concern with issue of this policy – get different time – we do not want uis students to be trumped for llcc students – there is a way that we can do that

John – there is time to distinguish between uis and llcc students and do it on a case by case basis and who applied and has their housing in at the same time

Sam – this is a public institution, students that invest in this degree seeking students should get preferential treatment

John – we will have to ask

Sam – campus activity fee do llcc students pay it

John -- we paid for ny times program as a way to offset those funds

Chris – campus activity and non-instructional fees – those students that choose to participate in

Carrie – we do not get to choose which fees we pay

Brace – we are paying fees regardless of what we use

Jim – be careful because what you are dealing with here is a situation where housing has to have a separate debate to hold – housing s made a fairly creative approach to keep costs down, those llcc paying students are all helping to offset increases, would have to be higher without students there – who do not participate in the – they are generating

Donzhella – do we have any plans in the next five years for housing

Donzhella – over the next few years that we will be a mute point

John – we created the plan to go to llcc students

Bob – excess fund be average per year we made out two reserve funds to do the clover court renovation, what the final years, its about \$170,000 that will go into reserve fund for future use – problem with all these rate increasing but we are generated extra money, why increase so much if you have that dyer straight, big renovation fund is multimillion dollars based on bond at uiuc

Cynthia – student activity fee came up by student government was because of your body questioning that – are Lincoln land students paying that fee – arrangement

Sam – apologize argument straying from fees – student opinion is not positive towards housing fees -- if I could see what type of reserves or budget for that -- that would help to gauge increases and it is something required by bond – would be something that could help see where the fees are inline with what is acceptable

John- we will have more discussions on how to address fees issues

Sam – I trust that you are being honest with us, would like to look at llcc issue and personally do not like what she is hearing and would like to be involved in further discussion, thank you

John – obfs is requesting 4...% increase at we are at 6.2%

Steve – service fee provided by uiuc, first page talks about five fees that are similar all campuses have similar fee, we do not have transportation fee, sorf fee, next page bottom line is we are at 695 dollars total fees Chicago is 1152 and Champaign is 823 service fees explanation – leave out that ours covers out athletic operations as well, Chicago’s does as well – general fee is to fix costs on campus rec centers our new rec center fixed cost that is our debt service and utilities, built into new rec center fee for operations and maintenance campus and admin services are

3.25% are charged on all bond dissenters that is for admin – health service, programming – can opt out of it – fees recommending is student fees and campus activity fees for

Sam – career center fee – what is necessitating the increase there –

Chris – initiated charge for career center this year and make structural changes, what you'll hear if you are engaged in student development is that there is a lack in transitioning out fees part of that deals with career services who has stepped it up who has recently offering career counseling, requires licenser charge with respect to career services to 80-90% success rate – initiatives with respect to employee relations – bringing employers to campus – created a different environment – bring them to campus improving method of service deliverable via web based technology – applies to online students pay fee as well there is also by way of recruiters which is 24 hours a day allows new student applying staff, it's a new system see sheet in packet – higher ed, vocational students do great job as to assisting students in employment offerings, graduate programming providing services – ¼ of all students are also online – assist academic resources – prepare professional program – items considered with additional funding – soul purpose to se student activities, when we come to you and say we need increase and put on other fees and athletics, we were methodical on how to approach it this year –

Evan – where are you pulling from?

Chris – when you look at student activity fees – take advertising to next level –

Jeff – we have advertised for more numbers has increase for 50% when that unit has no increase of funding and actually took reduction and brought new programs on board what has come from graduates, the largest hit or university takes is how are we assisting them as they are going into the work force, ask them lets begin to see how to cerate these services – amount of programming and workshops has doubled and service provided by mock interview, resume critiquing, develop employer relationship program that who are the employers are seeing our students as a pull from what we can draw from besides providing basics, all first year students be required to register with career service

Brace – do see emails but they are not what everyone takes notice to and commits team are trying to put this and progress we are trying to make that we can do things for future students

Jeff – when I came to campus one thing I saw was not developed was that linkage with employers, what info are we getting with our students and we do believe that it is part of campus

Evan – rates of employment increase with increase of students and info going to students

Sam – this is the best fee increase, student life increase is important – career service is a necessary entity of this campus

John M – little to ask because if we have a career center and we have that information helping a graduate if you have that help. That is what makes graduate enthusiastic about the school and alumni

Chris – it is our intent to start initiating a fee for staff wanting to use health services it will be implemented in 06 – currently the only time a staff person would have access but not over student

Sam – hold Tammy Craig accountable to making sure it is advertising, -- I only stress the health services fee because administration lied to us two years ago

Chris – we are not coming back to you next year, any student doesn't matter who you are you can go to health services and go to doctor or nurse and they do a fantastic job the cost will continue to outpace what we have we are trying to keep them modest but while are still there – even when we talk about from a counseling center – the university is changing and the cutler is changing we want to meet these fees – brought in alcohol and substance abuse councilor –

Sam – students take offence when admin lies or is negligent about what they are going to do

Chris – joint resolution from the body even in lieu with some concerns with housing fees about these initiatives in moving this forward and we can add caveats

Sam – no later than Thursday evening

Chris – do we want a presentation from recruiting department from where we are recruiting from and look at it from admissions –

Sam – marya leatherwood wants to meet with her to find out things like that and bring it to our attention – student affairs to come to attention –

Cynthia – commend as advisor to sga – leader is Samantha draws as president –

John – were there questions of channels to cut for cable prices