       Minutes

Planning and Finance Committee

February 22, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:00

Senators Present: Aguilar, Bates, Brauer, Crowley, Hoit, Judson, Ingersoll, Lacy, Lin, Marx, Nagorski, Schlatter, Shurhay, Winger

Senators Absent: Rafalovitz, Smitley, Schimmel

Begin by talking about the 8 reports that senators sent in to Senator Marx concerning ISU priorities :

* Maintain specialized programs for certain groups. Such as support groups for students, for example: counseling services.
* Tuition, student fees, housing must be kept competitive and affordable
* Maintaining and improving salaries for faculty and staff
* Raise the funds to have more endowed chairs/professorships
* Suggestion of full year paid sabbaticals, instead of half year
* Paying conference fees since a lot of faculty cannot attend conferences because they are quite expensive.
* Faculty development funds (support)
* Diversity across campus (issues regarding dining, housing, and campus for international students)
  + Long range: we must create a plan that retains international students
  + We must engage with the new students. Student Affairs knows that there are concerns, but committees have been formed in order to address this issues.
* Financial support for students (scholarship help)

Senator Marx will gather all this information and start to create the report.

Meeting adjourned at: 6:59