**Planning and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Spotlight Room**

**Call to Order (6:02pm)**

**Roll Call**

Present: Jason Wollard, Stuart Palmer, Chloe Miller, Jimmy Holmes, Jeff Helms, Steven Peters, Wendy Bates, Rick Valentin, Amanda Hendrix, Dan Elkins

Absent: Rhiannon Graham, Martha Horst, Mike Torry

Guests: Angela Engel, Dr. Danielle Miller-Schuster, Derek Lough

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Committee Minutes**

Motion to approve by Senator Peters, approved by committee.

**Chairperson’s Remarks**

None

**Order of Business:**

1. Issues Pending
   * *5.1.21 Advertisement or Sponsorship of Activities, Events, or Programs Involving Alcohol and/or Hemp-Based CBD*
     1. Take out the word policy at the top
     2. Add Revision Date
     3. Removal of double negative “No substance shall ~~not~~ be used”
     4. Issues with the roman numerals
        1. Motion to approve these changes by Senator Miller, Seconded by Senator Holmes
2. Strategic Planning Task Force Focus Discussion
   * Guest: Dr. Danielle Miller-Schuster, Associate Vice President Student Affairs
   * Guest: Angela Engel, Director, Planning, Research, and Policy Analysis
   * Guest: Derek Lough, Graduate Student
     1. Survey will be open till March third
     2. What is ISUs Purpose?
        1. Chair Valentin: A strong connection between faculty and students, in-depth research. Supporting the idea that education and critical thinking are essential for a functioning community.
        2. Senator Holmes: Provide a community-like atmosphere
        3. Senator Peters: Relationship between research and education
     3. What do you believe differentiates ISU from other institutions?
        1. Senator Bates: Individualized attention on campus, collegiality on campus as well
        2. Senator Miller: Good at being civically engaged. Also, everyone is really connected well
        3. Senator Peters: Great hands-on experience at the undergraduate level
        4. Senator Holmes: Geographically different from other institutions
     4. What advantages can ISU build upon?
        1. Senator Holmes: Need to pay attention to the new college of engineering. Find a way to get students from class-to-class easily
        2. Senator Hendrix: Very financially stable, need to continue being this way
        3. Senator Helms: Emphasize smaller class sizes, need to better on shining the spotlight on individualized attention
        4. Senator Miller: Build upon our news networks on campus
     5. What are some of the key trends we are seeing out there that we should pay attention to?
        1. Senator Palmer: Online Learning
        2. Chair Valentin: find opportunities unique to the university to have a competitive advantage
        3. Senator Helms: Build a connection that is a true two way between professor and student.
        4. Senator Miller: Advocate for the education system, build upon resources
        5. Senator Holmes: give students the tools to defend themselves after they graduate
     6. What does ISU need to do to be prepared for these trends that you shared?
        1. Senator Helms: Invest in infrastructure
        2. Senator Palmer: Budget model is standing in the way, need to fix it
        3. Senator Holmes: Since we are standing in a food desert, need to find feasible ways to allow students to reach these grocery stores
        4. Senator Miller: Safety for students is a big obstacle, classes ending at 9pm is too late
        5. Senator Hendrix: finite resources and the culture of change/flexibility
        6. Senator Peters: Graduates do not feel as if they are well-prepared for a job, people feel as if they may be wasting their time and money at college

**Adjourn (6:53pm)**