**Planning and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Spotlight Room**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Present,** **Wendy Polifka, Amanda Hendrix, Jeff Helms, Jimmy Holmes, Paige Hofstetter, Rick Valentin, Vishal Midha, Lea Cline,**

**Absent, Carl Palmer, Dan Elkins**

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Committee Minutes**

Approved unanimously.

**Chairperson’s Remarks**

Senator Valentin: We are tasked with reviewing the academic affairs facilities report, coordinating today with them was not a good day so we will plan on doing this on the Jan 24th meeting. This review should not take more than 10 or 20 minutes.

**Order of Business:**

1. Strategic Plan Mission Statement
   * Rick Valentin: The mission statement has been updated after the feedback on the word citizens. This has been something that had been brought up by other groups as well.
     1. Any thoughts or comments on it?
   * Jeff Helms: I like that it does a better job of describing who, compared to citizens.
   * Vishal Midha: I am getting stuck on the word diverse, as we are not preparing them to be diverse, I feel it would be better if diverse was placed before the noun it was trying to modify?
   * Lea Cline: I think its too late is it not?
   * Jimmy Holmes: The idea is that it is preparing these people who meet these specifications.
   * Rick Valentin: Alumni mostly responded to the survey.
   * Vishal Midha: I thought it would be better to rephrase the way that society was placed.
   * Jimmy Holmes: I don’t think its bad. It would be difficult to say what you are preparing them for.
   * Rick Valentin: The mission statement was not a part of the previous strategic plan, so the goal was to have a sentence. Which was difficult.
   * Jimmy Holmes: I think a mission statement is hard as we do so many things.
   * Rick Valentin: A lot of strategic plans have had mission statements.
   * Jeff Helms: The mission statement being broad allows it to be interpreted by multiple different people. It is not perfect, but it is much better than what it could have been.
   * Zach Roy: I like this version.

Motion to adopt the mission statement.

Vishal Midha- Abstain,

Wendy Polifka, Amanda Hendrix, Jeff Helms, Jimmy Holmes, Paige Hofstetter, Rick Valentin, Vishal Midha, Lea Cline, -Yes.

Issues Pending

* + *5.1.1 Concealed Carry and Prohibited Weapons Policy*
    1. Rick Valentin: Having done a run through on this the comments that I had were as follows. Adding a dash into the exception 2, with on-duty law enforcement. Under violations having this in second person seems off, am looking for other wording.
    2. Lea Cline: I believe that the wording is correct in the violations section.
    3. Lea Cline: Are we going to have someone who is knowledgeable about the laws on this?
    4. Rick Valentin: Yes, we will have general council look at this.
    5. Jeff Helms: I have some concerns with this, there are some external agencies which are required off-duty and on-duty to carry guns. This would be telling them they can’t come see their kids because of their jobs.
    6. Lea Cline: I suggest that before we talk about this that we have general council highlight the areas that we are allowed to change and the areas which we are not. That way we can see what we have control over.
    7. Jeff Helms: I agree, and this works for me, as there are federal laws that come into play here. It might be nice to have legal come in and look at this.
    8. Wendy Polifka: we also have issues with this on move in, with off-duty officers being required to carry.
    9. Wendy Polifka: The university police department will also need to take a look at this. Another question is why the policy owner is the department of the provost as this is not the appropriate group. We have multiple groups that will be more qualified to talk about this.
    10. Lea Cline: This might also be listed under the office of general council. As they know what we can and can’t do. I am also not sure if the office as the university police shows up as the owner of a policy.
    11. Wendy Polifka: I feel that the group that could be qualified would be student affairs as the ISU pd is under them.
    12. Amanda Hendrix: In another instance, they use student affairs.
    13. Jeff Helms: Another area of question for me is that if I am legally carrying a firearm in my vehicle and am meeting federal law, this policy would call this concealed. I have myself even violated this with how this is currently written, as it does not allow the glove box, even though federal law does.
    14. Lea Cline: These issues is why legal council should illuminate these issues. We are a state property which means we have to follow state laws.
    15. Jeff Helms: I feel like we should have legal look at this, but my scenario is legal in Illinois but under this policy would not be.
    16. Rick Valentin: The plan is to run it by them, but asking these questions in advance will allow them to give some input.
    17. Wendy Polifka: We are asking what we are allowed to change.
  + *5.1.7 Smoke and Tobacco-Free Campus Policy*
    1. Rick Valentin*:* Some of the changes are set up from the perspective of it first being enacted. So, there is some terminology which is out of date.
    2. Amanda Hendrix: It said something about this new policy.
    3. Rick Valentin: The 2nd statement mentions a map which now has a dead map link, there is an argument that a map is not needed in the policy. Especially with some of the feedback we got on the drone policy with links expiring. This is a case where maybe this line can be removed.
    4. Lea Cline: Do they still distribute smoke and tobacco free maps?
    5. Rick Valentin: Without seeing the map, I believe that it would indicate that everywhere on campus is not allowed.
    6. Wendy Polifka: We could refer people to look at the university websites with maps.
    7. Jeff Helms: The map is found on the main website with maps on it.
    8. Lea Cline: we could also condense some of the language.
    9. Rick Valentin: The one thing in the definition section, since the 2015 change, the language allows for FDA approved exceptions. Which this feels like not a definition but instead an exemption.
    10. Lea Cline: This is how legal likes to write things.
    11. Lea Cline: We should also include weed and vapes, especially since this has not been changed since the legalization of marijuana.
    12. Paige Hofstetter: Regarding the promotion not being allowed, we have a cannabis club.
    13. Zach Roy: I believe it is regarding the growing of it.
    14. Lea Cline: If the group is promoting the growing of it, it would be more reasonable.
    15. Paige Hofstetter: It does also mention medical cards information.
    16. Rick Valentin: There was a section on the promotion of it, some of those questions would fall under that policy.
    17. Lea Cline: Do we need to reference that policy as well.
    18. Wendy Polifka: This is challenging at university housing right now.
    19. Lea Cline: Study abroad is also having challenges with this.
    20. Wendy Polifka: This can be very confusing for students.
    21. Jimmy Holmes: Is there room for an entire policy on weed. Something to define the universities stance.
    22. Paige Hofstetter: We have a statement under health promotion and wellness.
    23. Wendy Polifka: Most of the policy we have is from following the states guidelines.
    24. Rick Valentin: This is the problem; cannabis policy would cover edibles and all of that stuff as well. Maybe we make a recommendation on this, also the smoke and tobacco free policy, the smoking of cannabis can fall under this policy.
    25. Jimmy Holmes: The wording allows for the smoking of weed in cars, which can obviously not be allowed.
    26. Lea Cline: I do not know if it is smart to combine these things, as these feel like two separate issues.
    27. Lea Cline: This might be a question for environmental health and safety. Also, there is a lot of devices for smoke free consumption of cannabis which I would not consider e-cigarettes. What does housing say?
    28. Wendy Polifka: We generally follow the state guidelines.
    29. Paige Hofstetter: People might argue a vape and an e-cigarette are a different thing.
    30. Wendy Polifka: I feel that we really need to dig into this and try and figure this out. This is a general council thing and something that we need to work with housing on. We could bring Stacey Miwabmbe in to talk about this.
    31. Wendy Polifka: There is also a fine model regarding smoking on campus, so we might want to bring in Chief Woodriff in. The fine is about 10 dollars. It is a lot like a parking violation where we do not know if it’s a student.
    32. Paige Hoffstetter: I feel that we should have a separate policy on this.
    33. Jimmy Holmes: Especially, with things like edibles and on campus events.
    34. Lea Cline: With this policy the language is broad on banning smoking.
    35. Jimmy Holmes: The intention of this policy is about the environment and not being around smokers, whereas people being intoxicated is a different topic.
    36. Rick Valentin: This is a good argument for a separate policy, but you must also have this language in this policy we are going over right now.
    37. Jeff Helms: In the smoking section, it does not talk about tobacco, so would rolling your own cigar be allowed and smokable?
    38. Rick Valentin: they talk about tobacco products but not tobacco itself, smokeless tobacco is also not allowed.
    39. Jeff Helms: How does this apply to medical cards?
    40. Rick Valentin: This is why we might need a policy on cannabis.
    41. Lea Cline: Sticking narrowly to the law is a good thing.

**Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn at 6:50. All unanimously**