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Consultative Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 25th, 2019 (11:40 am, 122 Welcome Center)

Members Present: Sarah Buchanan, Michael Cihak, Ann DuHamel, Brandon King, Margaret Kuchenreuther, Kristi Smith, Angela Stangl

I. Conversation with Bill Zimmerman

Introductions. 15 years teaching, 20 years IT experience, coaching experience.

Discussed reorganization and how Bill has experienced similar things in past position.

Mr. Zimmerman wanted to know what IT provided to campus versus what campus needs. Had a discussion about how staff changes were an opportunity to evaluate services and look at things from new perspectives.

Mr. Zimmerman described strategic initiatives IT is working on internally for building a new team and determining future directions.

General discussion of Helpdesk and students needing additional training and support. Mr. Zimmerman described a program that he hopes to replicate at Morris with Matt Senger's leadership in training Helpdesk students. IT will continue to ask for campus feedback.

General discussion of learning spaces and bringing models to Morris from other places. Additional discussion around technology training needed for faculty/staff. Ideas about pushing the limits of technology and trying innovative things. Example of robot on campus for remote connection and that it exposed issues with doors and accessibility.

Mr. Zimmerman discussed the changes in the Technology Free processes and clarified some of the points of confusion. How the budget is set for TechFee was described. A percentage (75%) will go to IT for the 8 year plan for classrooms and technology (wifi) on campus. Each year, come to MSCA with that plan. If the budget goes over, can agree to fund 75% but no more. 25% left for remaining hearings and innovation. There was a point raised of how competition in how groups were asking for technology. The need for a standard manner for getting classrooms on a rotation for updating equipment was highlighted. Identify all the spaces for 8 years. The new process should lead to less prioritization of certain places over others. Amount being spent is about the same by IT but there is a structure to the process. The approximate is \$150,000 for classrooms, labs and wifi. The plan presented to MCSA, shows what infrastructure will be covered. Then the 25% remaining can go for innovation.

The committee stressed that in the future the process needs to be explained better because people were afraid there had been cuts.

The committee brought up how the listservs and email things are complicated with hopes that IT can help.

Finished discussion with increasing WiFi around campus.

Respectfully submitted, Angela Stangl