

ANNUAL REPORT

University Standing Committee: Missouri Unions Committee
Academic Year Covered by Report: 2014-15
Date Report Submitted: April 16, 2015
Report Submitted by: Lawrence D. Ries
Number of times committee met: Twice

RECOMMENDATIONS

This committee provides an important communications link between Missouri Unions staff and faculty. The committee should remain in its present state.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE

First meeting (February 19, 2015)

After introductions, Missouri Unions staff presented summaries of operational issues, challenges, and concerns. We heard presentations from Tracy Schultz, assistant director, Heath Immel, associate director, Michelle Froese from Student Auxiliary Services, and Julaine Kiehn from campus dining.

Heath Immel and Michelle Froese gave a detailed presentation regarding the proposed Memorial Union Ballroom project. The rest of the meeting consisted of reports from staff about various Missouri Union operations.

Second meeting (April 14, 2015)

Heath Immel requested this meeting to discuss a potential facility use fee increase. Tracy Schultz, Julaine Kiehn, and Jeffrey R. Zeilenga, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, also attended and contributed where appropriate.

Mr. Immel outline the Missouri Union budget situation, including the announced cuts to their funding from the University GO budget. To partially off-set this loss of funding, the staff proposed increasing the departmental room reservation fee. (Student room reservations would continue to be permitted without charge.) The committee provided advice to staff and was largely supportive of the revised fee structure plan.

RECOMMENDATION FOR REVISION OF CHARGE AND/OR MEMBERSHIP CONFIGURATION (if applicable)

None.