

Minutes from Executive Committee meeting with President
October 17, 2011

Tuition Waivers

The President said that they would explore that as an additional benefit (rather than cost). It could be used as a recruitment tool for faculty. He will have Ross research how other RUSO colleges do it, the possible tax impact and the possibility of using scholarship money to do it. He will have the information at the next meeting with him in November.

Format for Shared Government

The President was very supportive of the proposed plan. He would like it written up and he will share it with the executive team. He thought that it could have it in place in the spring semester.

Harvard Leadership Meetings

The President took responsibility for those chosen to take part in it. He chose directors on up, FS (executive/budget), SGA officers, SSA officers, chairs of departments. When we mentioned that some thought there was not representation of faculty for the academic side, he said that he didn't think that academics would be marginalized. We did realize that there were new members of the FS executive/budget committees and they should be invited to participate. In regards to communication about the meetings, he indicated that it was OK to share information about the meetings with others. He indicated that information about the meetings was in a press release, on the website and in the Magnolia. He said the goal of the Fall meetings is to make plans for immediate changes, changes to take place within the next 3 -6 months. He thought by the end of the November meetings we should know what the plans will be. He also went over the agenda for the November meetings. Additional sessions will be for long term planning, the next 5+ years.

Other

The President told the committee there are groups that are anti-Higher Ed. For example, a legislator asked for a compiling from universities of salaries of each professors, number of classes taught by each professor and number of students in class. Also requested was the number of A's B's etc. for each class for each professor, and copies of student evaluations. They also wanted to know if student evaluations are made public. The request is currently being reviewed by AG office to address privacy concerns.