Facilities and Healthcare Committee Report

21 September 2011

The Committee met in the Kiphuth Trophy Room of Payne Whitney Gymnasium. Luke Thompson is the Chair again and Erica Westerman will serve as Secretary.

1. Athletics
   1. Still paying attention to gym hours and scheduling announcements. There’s not a lot of budgetary wiggle room so it’s unlikely this is going to change in the near future.
   2. Grad Night at the Gym is moving slowly through the administrative approval process. Hopefully McDougal will pick up the tab, but FHC may be back before the Assembly for funding if everything falls into place. FHC still needs to know when and which parts of the gym are of the most interest
   3. If you have any feedback on the gym, don’t hesitate to email Luke Thompson or Erica Westerman, who will pass it on to Duke Diaz, the PWG director.
2. Health Care
   1. Reform Compliance: YHP is technically a physicians’ network and not an insurance plan, and so it’s likely liable for the Individual Mandate penalty under Health Care Reform. Luke Thompson will raise this with President Levin.
   2. Mental Health: Luke Thompson will also ask President Levin to focus asdditional resources to expand access to Mental Health, which continues to have trouble meeting scheduling needs.
   3. Looking ahead, complying with Reform will likely lead to Prescription Plus being folded into Hospitalization, but there’s been no movement on that yet.
   4. GSA got shut out of the dental plan renegotiation process between Delta and GPSS. Deans Pollard and Harper-Mangols went to bat for GSA, so the body will be present in all subsequent renegotiations.
3. Housing
   1. GSA had very little movement on housing last year. FHC needs to assess whether or not to move forward with the landlord rating site proposal.
4. Miscellaneous
   1. Legal Aid: Luke Thompson and Lauren Tilton will present a proposal to President Levin next week. Dean Pollard is supporting it.
   2. Study Space: FHC has been assigned this issue and will raise it with the Provost later in the year. For the time being, students should brainstorm spaces that might be of use to them. Reps should gather feedback and FHC and Steering will pass it up to the Dean.
   3. FHC generated a wish list moving forward. Feel free to contact Luke Thompson or Erica Westerman to see/add to it.