

The committee engaged in a discussion that compared the fees charged at MCLA with those of the other Massachusetts state colleges. During the current fiscal year, MCLA's fees rank in the middle of the nine state colleges. The goal for FY 2012 will be to keep fees as reasonable as possible.

The committee also reviewed fees in relati

Campus Projects

Ashland Street Property: Vice President Stakenas reported that there is a phased renovation plan for the building. The first phase of the project will include demolition of portions of the existing structure, and roof replacement and new walls on the north end of the property. The cost of this phase of the project is covered by the MSCBA funding approved by the Board in 2010. The cost of subsequent phases of the project will be determined as part of a program study that will be conducted under the auspices of the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM).

Honors House: The Honors House located on Highland Avenue is in need of major exterior renovation. MCLA is responsible for the renovation costs for this state owned building. Work needed includes foundation repair, roof replacement, new windows and siding. Depending on building code changes, the second floor fire escape may also need to be replaced. The College is in talks with McCann Technical High School about using Highland House as a project site; students would work on the window and siding portions of the project. Cost estimates are underway in anticipation of completing the project over the next two fiscal years.

Campus Center Marketplace: Plans are ongoing for renovation of the campus center marketplace and serverer

proposed reductions to Pell Grant, and reduced support for college access programs. On the state side, cuts to financial aid programs create challenges as MCLA works to ensure access for students.

Updates

President Grant updated the Committee on the status of new position and open searches. The new Facilities Director officially begins on April 4th, but has visited campus in preparation for assuming this role. Candidates for the Assistant Dean for Enrollment are visiting campus as part of the interview process. In addition, several faculty searches are currently underway.

The president informed the Committee that there has been strong participation and good conversation at faculty, staff, and student strategic planning input sessions. Some common themes emerged in discussions with each group. In particular, the process has been beneficial for newer faculty members to see how College progress is connected to Strategic Planning work. President Grant thanked Trustee Leibowitz for representing the Board on the Strategic Planning Task Force.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m..