

Vice-President's Report

February 14 – March 12, 2014

A second call for nominations for the upcoming Faculty Assembly elections was posted on February 14th. The nomination and verification process closed Saturday March 1 at 5:00 pm. During the week of March 3 – 7, candidates were verified for eligibility and the ballot constructed using Qualtrics with the help of Robyn Marschke. The ballot is ready to go live at 8 am on Monday March 17th.

I personally received a lot of feedback following the announcement of a parking fee hike for next year by Jim Spice, executive director of Parking and Transportation, during the February faculty assembly meeting. Several people asked me if there would ever be a cap placed on parking fees. I did pose that question to him. His response is below:

“The parking permit fees we ask for simply fund our parking operation. To cap this fee would be fiscally irresponsible since we need to continue to fund parking as we grow. We only use these monies to pay our existing debts and reserve a small portion to use for maintenance of parking lots when needed.

One reminder, faculty and staff not wishing to buy a permit can park at Four Diamonds for free and ride the shuttle for free. Our shuttle system is very efficient. In fact, I ride the shuttle several times a week and meet many other faculty and staff doing this as well.”