

Question Time

At the September senate meeting, VC Wesse made a presentation with financial data, and I had a few follow up questions

1. There was a reference to “unavoidable expenses”—what does that include?
2. I was confused by the source of funding for the purchase of South Campus, due to presence of terms like “anticipated donations.” How much did it cost? How much came from outside donations?
3. How is the maintenance of South Campus integrated into the university budget? Will additional positions be created in Physical Plant to deal with mowing/snow removal/trash removal? Will new janitorial positions be created to deal with the cleaning of the interior of the buildings? What impact is this going to have on the possibility of adding janitorial positions to the main campus, so we can move away from giant trash bins and signs referencing fruit flies in our campus buildings? What is the overall expected annual increase in university expenses due to the addition of South Campus?
4. How will scheduling of courses be handled with the 2 campuses? Will there be safeguards in place to make sure students can’t sign up for classes that will require them to go from South Campus to Main Campus in 10 minutes?

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