

Institutional Improvement Committee

April 29, 2011

8:15 a.m.

Members present: Dan Lindsey, David Mitchell, James Spurlock

Old business:

Dan summarized the minutes from the February 25 meeting , reminding the members of the request for art display space on the Mountain View site (a long-term open item) and of the suggestion that faculty/staff reserved parking spaces be added .

New business:

Dan asked for thoughts on the issue of non-students and other unauthorized persons being on campus. Cheri McKee-McSwain had noted that the Mt. View parking problem seems to stem from "visitors" being on campus. James said this is a major problem at Ash Flat, stating that he frequently has to ask non-students to leave the Student Center so that students are not deprived access to computers and other facilities. David asked about the use of parking permits as a way to help control unauthorized vehicles on Ozarka property. He noted that campus security is another reason that non-students should be discouraged from being on campus and suggested that parking permits might be a way to help make Ozarka sites more secure.

Dan noted that the Ozarka catalog should somehow address this issue, with committee members agreeing that not only does this extra traffic cause congestion in the buildings and parking lots, but there could also be liability issues in the event of an accident or injury on Ozarka property. James mentioned the possibility of students being issued a lanyard with their ID card and being required to wear their ID card when on campus.

The committee realizes that there will always be non-students on campus, such as potential students visiting the college to gather information or register for classes, or parents or friends transporting students to class. It was noted, however, that there is a clear difference in persons interested in becoming Ozarka students and those looking for a place to "hang out."

David mentioned that the Mt. View parking problem has been somewhat relieved by the opening of the new parking lot, but said that these new spaces are not close to the buildings and that instructors carrying equipment or supplies to class must often still carry them a considerable distance. James proposed the addition of designated unloading zones from which instructors or staff could access the building then move to a regular parking spot after unloading.

Dan agreed to discuss these ideas with administration over the summer. With no additional new business, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting tentatively set for September.

Dan Lindsey,
Chair