



## Finance and Infrastructure Committee

Minutes  
April 7, 2026  
Via Zoom

**Committee Members:** Col. (R) Chris Selvey, *Chair*, Sam Baker, Dr. Santina St. John, Dr. Scott Inghram, Kim Enochs (Absent), Amy Pitzer (absent),

**Staff:** Dr. Bethany Meighen, President, Dr. Ulisa Bowles Moore, Chief of Staff, Ron Hamilton (absent), CIO; Shea Boothe, Controller/Budget Director; Kelly Bennington, CFO ; Lora Woolwine

Upon determination of quorum, the meeting was called to order by Col. Selvey at 9:08  
Opening comments were shared by President Meighen.

Approval of Minutes from February 10<sup>th</sup> motion made by Mr. Baker, second by Dr. St. John, motion carried.

Discussion of raising tuition and fees for FY 2027 was started by Col. Selvey. He turned the meeting over to Kelly Bennington, CFO. Administration is proposing a 3% increase due to increases in cost of goods, nursing personnel and lack of nursing grants, Aramark increases of 2.5%, drop in indirect revenues, and increased scholarships due to compounding of awards.

In addition, there is a need to recruit and retain police officers which leads to equity adjustments, new sports positions and replacement of the AD position. Increase contract costs for IT and admissions.

Decreases in enrollment projected as well as general increases in costs.

Propose to increase fees from \$58 to \$60; graduate \$80 to \$83

Administration recommend a 3% housing increase, 2.5% dining increase.

Comparisons with other schools were shared based on 2025-2026.

Additional fees recommended: \$30 CLEP test, Follet Book store \$25 (with a \$1 admin fee included), Return check of \$35, digital diploma fee \$15, and ED306 class fee of \$110 to cover live text/watermark.

Projected state appropriations of \$12,044,454, project decreased enrollment of 3.8%. Funding formula is fully funded by the state in the budget bill.

**Action Item-**Resolution to increase tuition and fees FY 2027.

Discussion of FTE and rate increases were held.

Motion made by Mr. Baker to increase tuition and fees as proposed, second by Dr. Inghram. Motion carried.

After no further business before the committee, closing remarks were made by Dr. Meighen.