

**President's Council / Deans' Council**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**February 25, 2009**  
**8:30 a.m., CSS 302**

**Attendance:**

Burcham, Christner, Davison-Wilson, Eisler, Evans, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Willey, Flickinger, Haneline, Johnston, Klein, Mathison, Monger, Nicol, McKean for Oldfield, Peterson-Klein, Potter, Teahen

**Discussion:**

- Budget Reduction – Next Steps

President Eisler distributed an email from Mike Boulus, Executive Director, Presidents Council State Universities of Michigan regarding the Governor's revised budget proposal for higher education. He then provided an analysis for the next three year's budget implications.

For this year, the proposal is to give a one-time amount approximate to what the delayed payment was last year, and then cut \$1.6 million with the caveat that the universities must freeze tuition.

Next year, the proposal is to give a one-time amount of \$1.6M plus 4.3 or 4.5% of the delayed payment; requiring tuition "restraint".

The next year, eliminate maintenance funds and replace with one-time funds.

For 2010 at Ferris, it is estimated that:

1) Expected tuition at a 6.5% increase	\$6.0M
2) Proposed cut	<u>\$1.6M</u>
	\$7.6M shortfall
	<u>\$2.4M</u> already cut
2010 =	\$5.2M total shortfall

For 2011:

1) Expected tuition at a 6.5% increase	\$6.0M
at 3% "restraint"	<u>\$3.0M</u>
	\$3.0M
	<u>\$5.2M</u> 2010 shortfall
2011 =	\$8.2M total shortfall

One-time:

2009 =	\$4.0M
2010 =	\$5.6M
2011 =	<u>\$5.6M</u>
	\$15.2M for infrastructure/renovation

There was discussion in groups to answer the following questions: "What are the opportunities to not spend? What are the challenges? What are the impediments?" The attached comments were shared with the full group.

President Eisler thanked the vice presidents and deans for the good lists and good beginning discussion, and then charged each to go back to divisions/colleges/departments to replicate the

exercise. All employees need to feel engaged in these decisions. He reminded the group that there are no poor ideas; all views will be considered. We need to cut \$5-6 million by July. Before sharing the results with the University community, a draft will be provided to the vice presidents and deans for comment. The President asked that prioritized lists be brought back to this group the last week of March for a half day session (specific date and time to be determined). He shared his belief that we are prepared to deal with this situation. We will be frugal and smart.

**Meeting adjourned 10:10 am**

Submitted by: Elaine R. Kamptner