

Ferris State University

President's Council Meeting Summary January 30, 2019 9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

Bellavance, Cook, Eisler, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Ward-Roof
Guests: Leonard Johnson, Jeremy Mishler

Agenda Items:

- Commencement Schedule
Council members reviewed the May Commencement Ceremonies when Honorary Doctorates will be awarded.
- Anti-Violence Coalition
VP Ward-Roof shared a proposed information on the Coalition and their work to this point. Discussion included future steps by the group and how additional members may join.
- Chemical Safety Policy
HLC has recommended that we review Business Policies that have not been recently updated. VP Scoby presented a draft for Council members to review. President Bellavance suggested that the Kendall should be included in this policy and will prepare some edits so the policy is more inclusive to Kendall. Council members approved of the draft policy pending these edits.
- Jim Crow Museum Site
It's been suggested that the Jim Crow Museum has potential for future growth with the prospect of strong fundraising support. Council members reviewed and discussed some site options for an additional building for the Museum so that fundraising plans can continue.
- Consensual Relationship Policy
Provost Paul Blake is forming a task force to review and update this policy in light of the revised policy developed at the University of Michigan. The intent is that the new policy would apply to both faculty and staff.
- Employee Retention
This will be a future Big Topic discussion.
- Enrollment Update
VP Ward-Roof shared the latest numbers for Fall 2019 Enrollment.
- Board of Trustees

Council Members reviewed the draft agendas and schedule for the upcoming Board of Trustees meetings.

Round Robin

- **President Bellavance** – Master of Architecture has received initial accreditation.
- **VP Percy** – The recent Alumni events in Sarasota were very successful. Karen Weber is circulating pieces for the SWAN annex dedication on April 27. A meeting with 160/90 scheduled for either Feb. 13 or 20 will present the creative pieces developed for the upcoming marketing campaign.
- **VP Scoby** – Peoples' Choice for Mecosta County voted some of Ferris' offerings first in the County – The Rock, Ferris Catering, 2nd Best Place to Work
- **Assoc. Provost Johnson** – Academic Affairs will be hosting the summer retreat of Michigan State University Academic Officers
- **VP Postema** – Legislative Luncheon cancelled, will try but hard to re-schedule. Two weeks away from Friends of Ferris 30th Anniversary.
- **President Eisler** – Most successful group of alumni events in Florida this past month. Continue to connect with people who have great wealth and are willing to share it. Starting to see younger people and people at multiple events. Coach Tia Wilhelm-Brandel 's presentation was among the best he has seen. She is very intentional with her leadership and impressed the group of alumni and emeriti. He was very impressed. Shelly's team did an excellent job of preparation.

Next meeting date:

February 20, Big Topic, 9:00 am, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm

Submitted by Terri S. Cook