Ferris State University

President's Council
Meeting Summary
April 17, 2019
8:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:
Bellavance, Blake, Cook, Eisler, Pearcy, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Ward-Roof

Agenda Items:

- Freedom of Information Act
  Council members reviewed and discussed minor changes in language to the policy covering processing of FOIA requests. The draft copy was approved for posting.

- Health Insurance
  VP Scoby shared findings and recommendations from the Health Care Committee in preparation for this year's open enrollments.

- Budget
  Council members discussed current enrollment numbers for Summer and Fall to aid in preparing budgets. There was also discussion about the Governor's budget proposals and timeline for legislative budgets to be submitted which have an impact on the amount of State funding for higher ed.

- Student Financial Services – Student Refund Policy
  Minor language changes to this policy were approved by the Council Members.

- Local Administrative Access Policy
  VP Scoby shared a draft policy. While it was intended to strengthen IT security and reduce the number of software packages on our University servers, Council members expressed concern that the policy was too controlling and too far-reaching. This proposed policy was not supported in its current form.

- Change in Report Writing Software
  After discussion by Council members this upgrade was approved. It will eliminate add-ons to the system, provide a library of reports and help users access data more easily.

- West Hall Replacement
  Council members agree that this is something that is a very high priority. West Building is one of the oldest buildings on campus and no longer serves the needs of the IT group that is housed there. Different options for replacing this space were considered.

- University Wide Expectations

A draft document of the University wide expectations was discussed by the Council members. More discussion will continue at planning sessions scheduled for late May and early June.

Next meeting date:
May 1, Regular Meeting, 9:00 am, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 1:07 pm
Submitted by Terri S. Cook