

Ferris State University

President's Council

Meeting Summary

April 18, 2018

9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

Blake, Bellavance, Cook, Eisler, Percy, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby,
Ward-Roof

Agenda Items:

- The summary from the April 4, 2018 PC meeting was approved for posting.
- Center for Academic Literacies
Provost Blake shared an update with Council members on a physical space for the Center for Academic Literacies in FLITE. A target date to move into the space is August 15.
- Budget
Council members discussed the impact of latest enrollment projections on the budget.
- Planning Days/Expectations
Council members discussed University expectations for the 2018-19 academic year. Council members also discussed topics for the upcoming planning sessions.
- Strategic Plan Update
VP Pilgrim shared an update of the Committee's work on the next Strategic Plan.
- Board Meeting
Council members reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Board of Trustee meeting that will take place prior to Commencement ceremonies on Friday.
- Round Robin
 - **VP Ward-Roof** – Student affairs is piloting test optional admissions for students. A request for assistance with sending FTIAC's postcards was made of Council members. The UREC is on schedule and on budget, tours to come.
 - **Provost Blake** – last night's Academic Awards dinner was exceptional – Distinguished Teacher for 2018, Kendall faculty, Deborah Rockman, had some wonderful things to say about being affiliated with Ferris.
 - **VP Scoby** – We will be getting an Erbert and Gerbert's Sandwich Shop in the IRC. Discussions on program needs for the Virtual Learning Center are

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underway with the architects. Friday at 5:00 pm is the Spring Football game, 7:00 pm Championship Basketball Celebration.

- **President Bellavance** – Deb Rockman is thrilled about being named the Distinguished Teacher for 2018. The KCAD Capstone fashion show is the 25th at DeVos Place, Exhibition Week features student work on Tuesday, VIP's work on Wednesday.
- **VP Percy** – First ever 24 hour giving challenge is today – goal is participation. There are activities in the UC until 5:00 pm
- **VP Pilgrim** – sent "A Seat at the Table" newsletter to all Council members this morning. Since HBO did a piece on the Museum, they have had over 5 million hits on the website.

Next meeting date:

May 2, Regular Meeting, 9:00 am, CSS 301

Meeting adjourned 12:08 pm

Submitted by Terri S. Cook