

# Ferris State University

## President's Council Meeting Summary July 5, 2017 9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

### Attendance:

Blake, Cook, Eisler, Percy, Pilgrim, Scoby, Ward-Roof  
Guest: Ken Plas for Postema

### Agenda Items:

- The summaries from May 3, 2017 and June 7, 2017 PC meetings were approved for posting.
- PCAF Bachelor of Architecture  
Provost Blake provided documentation for the Bachelor of Architecture degree. Council members discussed and approved the proposal pending Provost Blake's conversations with President Bellavance.
- PCAF Masters and Undergraduate Certificate in Informatics  
Provost Blake provided documentation for review of this new degree. Council members discussed and approved.
- Board Retreat  
President Eisler discussed the proposed format for this year's Board retreat in August and provided Council members with an agenda and more detail about the sessions.
- Budget 2017-18  
Guest: Sally Depew  
Council members will continue budget discussions in August and finalize plans after enrollment counts in the fall.
- Enrollment  
Council members continue to monitor enrollment numbers and discussed ongoing efforts to increase those numbers.
- Year Round PELL  
Council members discussed the advantages of the year round PELL opportunities and how best to market it to the students. This topic will be included in the August meeting.
- Big Rapids Business of the Week  
VP Scoby presented this proposal initiated by Athletics, to highlight a Big Rapids business in the campus newsletter each week to foster community relations. Given the potential downsides to this topic a decision was made to not support the proposal.

- **Pay Card Proposal**  
VP Scoby described the success of this pilot program with students that tried it. Council members agreed to expand this program for all students and employees starting in August.
- **Miller Residence Hall status**  
VP Scoby presented current predictions for residence hall occupancy this fall. After discussion Council members agreed with his recommendation to close Miller Hall for Fall 2017.
- **Round Robin**
  - **VP Ward-Roof** will send more TIP information after today's meeting. Leadershape is scheduled for August 13-18. The physical plant staff has been doing a great job on the cleanup of UREC since the flood. The Resilience workshop held last week had good feedback. Orientation starts again next week.
  - **VP Scoby** Coach Annese and Perk Wiesenburger have been working hard to schedule a football game for the Thursday before Labor Day. Athletics is close to filling the softball coach and the assistant golf coach positions. IT is getting personal computer orders ready for deployment in August.
  - **VP Pearcy** has been working with DeeDee Stakely on a core advisory committee for web accessibility. She is also forming a larger committee and work groups to keep moving forward with the policy.
  - **VP Pilgrim** MASU CEO Dan Hurley has been working the last three months to organize a meeting for Diversity Officers across the State and regionally. The Diversity office has applied for a continuation for the FYI grant. A new docent has been hired for the Jim Crow Museum.
  - **President Eisler** is looking for feedback and responses from the SPARC retreat held last month. He suggested that a thank you be posted on our website for all the individuals that have helped with the recent flooding in the UREC. He encouraged an open house for North Hall when faculty return in the fall. There is significant interest both on campus and in the community for this positive addition to the campus. The second meeting of the Campaign Cabinet went well with a smooth leadership transition. President Eisler said he is very appreciative of the road repairs around campus and the improvements to the grounds.

**Next meeting date:**

August 2, 9 a.m., CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 11:35 am  
Submitted by Terri S. Cook