

Ferris State University

President's Council Meeting Summary August 2, 2017 8:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

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

Agenda Items:

- The summary from July 5, 2017 PC meeting was approved for posting.
- 2017-18 Budget
Guest: Sally Depew
Council members will continue to have budget discussions throughout the month of August. Enrollment counts in the fall will lead to final budget decisions.
- Enrollment Update
Council members continue to monitor enrollment numbers and discussed current efforts to reach out to continuing students who have not registered in the final days before classes start for fall.
- Mindset of Students
VP Ward-Roof shared a short video about GEN Z students that showed insights into what is important to them and what they are influenced by.
- LGBTQ Resource Center
VP Ward-Roof led an initial discussion on the establishment of a LGBTQ Resource Center. Additional information will be developed and discussion will continue on cost and logistics of this.
- Web Accessibility
VP Percy re-submitted the Web Accessibility policy with amended changes as discussed previously. The policy was approved and will be posted for comment. President asked Provost Blake to consider possible course offerings that would teach video transcription and asked VP Scoby to consider how the Staff Center could be helpful in developing web accessibility related skills for employees.
- Applicant Sourcing
VP Scoby shared a graph showing where applicants learn about job postings at Ferris. This information will be further refined as a cost saving tool for managers in advertising available positions.
- Administrative Performance Evaluation Process Debrief
Council members discussed forms and timeline for the Administrative Performance Evaluation. Additional discussion will continue at a future big topics meeting.

- **Bargaining Update**
Updates on current bargaining sessions were shared with the Council members.
- **Trustee Retreat**
President shared additional information regarding the upcoming Board Retreat and his one-on-one conversations with Trustee members.
- **Round Robin**
 - **VP Pilgrim** extended thanks to all the Council members for their work on their annual Diversity reports.
 - **VP Scoby** Currently working on Social Media Training with the Staff Center. Also, in keeping with the University IT Plan, there is increased funding in place for better wireless in housing units. North Hall is not yet complete, but will be ready for August 21 move in. VP Scoby distributed a handout on the open health insurance enrollment period. There was significant movement between health plans during this period, away from Ferris 1 and 2 to Ferris 3 and 4. Housing numbers are above the projected numbers budgeted.
 - **Provost Blake** Event at Kendall tonight for public school graduates and families. The new Dean of RSS starts on Monday. The new faculty reception is scheduled for August 16th.
 - **VP Ward-Roof** Thank you to Jodi Gardei for staff center supervision workshops. Referenced the College Leadership Competition she has shared. Distributed information on the Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge, an opportunity to leverage the environment we live in and compete against other universities. Student Affairs has developed a list of activities for pc information and reference.
 - **President Eisler** Expressed his appreciation to the vice presidents for the excellent work they lead and the hard work they do for Ferris.

Next meeting date:

August 16, 9 a.m., CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 11:20 am

Submitted by Terri S. Cook