

Ferris State University
President's Council
Meeting Summary
November 1, 2017
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

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

Agenda Items:

- The summary from October 4, 2017 PC meeting was approved for posting.
- Honorary Doctorate Candidates
Council members reviewed and discussed potential candidates for the May 2018 Commencement ceremonies.
- Strategic Planning
The Trustee Executive Committee approved the contract for Dr. Patricia Cormier as facilitator for the next university wide Strategic Plan. Council members discussed plans for Dr. Cormier's visit to campus on November 13 & 14.
- Enrollment and Budget
VP Ward-Roof provided an update on enrollment utilizing selected slides from Noel Levitz. VP Ward- Roof also shared an update on current efforts and outreach going on now.
- Staff Minimum Wage Proposal
Implications and implementation of the current minimum wage laws and guidelines were reviewed by Council members. PC supported the recommendations to add \$.35 cents per hour to those employees who are currently making less than the new minimum wage of \$9.25, effective 12/31/17.____
- Adobe Contract Changes
VP Scoby provided information on the increased costs of Adobe licensing to the Council members. Council members agreed to renewal of the agreement.
- Animals in University Facilities
The current Animals in University Facilities Policy was reviewed, discussed, and reaffirmed without change.
- Bereavement Policy
The current administrative bereavement policy was reviewed by Council members and proposed changes were supported to bring it into alignment with other bereavement policies currently in effect across campus.
- Campaign Kick-off
VP Percy went over the timeline and plans for the public announcement of the Comprehensive Campaign on Nov. 9 and 10.

- November Big Topics
Council members decided on the following topics for discussion at the next meeting:
Strategic Planning, Diversity Plan, Housing, Center for Academic Literacies.
- Round Robin
 - **VP Percy** is working on media coverage of the campaign announcement.
 - **VP Scoby** Significant athletic success with volleyball, football and soccer.
 - **VP Ward-Roof**. Nov. 2 is the Grad. Fair, Nov. 10 is the Veteran's Breakfast.
 - **President Bellavance** National Portfolio Day was last Sunday. The event hosted 329 students and over 400 guests. Bob Ewigleben and Todd Stanislav brought representatives from Changsha Social Work College to Kendall to discuss partnerships. November 8 & 9 KCAD is hosting a Symposium and bringing 8 speakers to campus.
 - **VP Pilgrim** the Disability Services event yesterday was excellent. He considers it one of the top events we have had at the University. He has been contacted by a representative of David Levinthal, a famous photographer, regarding donating images from his collection to the museum. VP Pilgrim will be distributing the draft Diversity Report to the VPs for comment.
 - **President Eisler** Nov. 29 PC will start at 8:00 am. Thank you for all your hard work.

Next meeting date:

November 29, Big Topics discussion, 8:00 am CSS 301C

December 13, Regular meeting, 9:00 am, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 12:14 pm

Submitted by Terri S. Cook