

# Ferris State University

## President's Council Meeting Summary December 5, 2018 8:00 a.m., CSS 301C

### Attendance:

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

### Agenda Items:

- Strategic Plan  
VP Pilgrim gave an update and shared work groups for the Strategic Plan that could use some input for discussion at a future meeting.
- Honorary Doctorate Candidates  
Council members reviewed and discussed additional possible Honorary Doctorate Candidates for the May Commencement ceremonies. Four names were chosen to move forward for Board approval.
- Birkam Health Center  
VP Ward-Roof has been working on some options for the Health Center to better serve the University community.
- Follow up to Title IX Presentation (Scott Lewis)  
The presentation by Scott Lewis was well attended by university personnel. Feedback was very positive. Council members discussed programming and more educational opportunities on this subject going forward.
- Exclusive Beverage Policy  
VP Scoby brought the revised Exclusive Beverage Policy forward since the vendor has changed. Some minor adjustments were made to the policy to incorporate this change.
- Administrative Council Employee Concerns  
VP Scoby was asked to share concerns by the Administrative Council group with the President's Council. Members discussed ways in which they can address these concerns. The President's Council will have a follow-up conversation in February.
- Search Firms Retainer  
Interviews for two firms have been completed and Council members selected Buffkin-Baker along with MBS to recommend to the Board as the firms that would best serve the University needs pertaining to future searches.
- Round Robin  
**VP Pilgrim** – one goal for this year is to make sure there are more administrative employees and others on diversity teams, not just faculty. Very appreciative of the comments and suggestion for the Strategic Planning process.

**VP Scoby** –One fan bus is full and working on a second for the Football game this Saturday in Minnesota.

**VP Ward-Roof** – the Student Government holiday event had 150 – 200 in attendance for the tree lighting. COMM 221 class conducted a survey on advising and discussed the results at student government. The results will be shared with campus when they are available. The United Way Auction will be held in UC 203 tomorrow during the Holiday Reception.

**President Eisler** – After the holidays, he would like to share the highlights of his trip to visit Zappos in Las Vegas. It was very informational. Visited with Hirsch Blackwell regarding Title IX; they are knowledgeable about this topic and can provide external perspective. Thank you for your good work.

**Next meeting date:**

January 16, regular meeting, 9:00 am, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 11:25 am

Submitted by Terri S. Cook