

Ferris State University
President's Council
Meeting Summary
January 4, 2017
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

Bellavance (by phone), Blake, Cook, Eisler, Mishler (for Percy), Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Ward-Roof

Agenda Items:

- The summary from the December 7, 2016 PC meeting was approved for posting.
- Minimum Wage
Guest: Sally DePew
Actions on the implementation of minimum wage were reviewed. The intent of implementing the new wage guidelines was to not reduce student hours and that has been accomplished. Discussion centered on encouraging more eligible students to use work-study. Specifically, first year students who may not want to work due to adjustment to college life. It was suggested that Divisions be made aware of students that have work-study and reach out to them. We will revisit this conversation in August.
- Board of Trustees
The new Governor appointed Board members are Robert Hegbloom, Amna Seibold and Lashonda Thomas. During Board meetings on Feb 9th and 10th, there will be a two-hour orientation starting at noon on the 9th. Council members discussed the itinerary, potential meeting topics and due dates.
- Enrollment Update
VP Ward-Roof distributed handouts for Spring enrollment and Fall applications. Numbers are down from last year. There are many variables in play and much is still being done to reach out to prospective students.
- Big Topics
Vice Presidents determined discussion topics for the January 17th meeting: the Comprehensive Campaign and campus civility/climate. A subgroup of David Pilgrim, Jeanine Ward-Roof, and someone from Academic Affairs was established to prepare for the second topic. This meeting will also have to be used in part to prepare some things for the upcoming Board Meeting.
- Merit Pay Process 2017
VP Scoby presented handout with timeline and dates. The proposed 2017 timeline was approved by the Council members. VP Scoby will notify HR.

- Round Robin
 - **VP Postema** first wanted to congratulate Jeremy Mishler for heading up the Friends of Ferris for the past few years and providing consistency to these efforts Friends of Ferris packets were distributed.
 - **Provost Blake** announced that Leonard Johnson has accepted the position of Associate Provost of Academic Operations
 - **VP Scoby** stated that it was a quiet break.
 - **VP Pilgrim** asked that everyone try to participate in events during MLK week Jan. 16th, if possible.
 - **Jeremy Mishler** announced that they have two new employees in UA&M, Bob Murray, AVP for Advancement and Steve VanderHyde, Advancement Officer.
 - **VP Ward-Roof** reiterated that we should all try to attend some of the events of MLK week

Provost Blake will be in charge next week in President Eisler's absence.

Next meeting date:

Jan.17, 9 a.m., CSS 301C, Big Topic meeting
Feb. 6, 9 a.m., CSS 301C. regular meeting

Meeting adjourned 10:54 a.m.
Submitted by Terri S. Cook