

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

Attendance:

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

Agenda Items:

- The summary from the January 17, 2017 PC meeting was approved for posting.
- Digital Sign Emergency Policy
Guest: Scott Garrison
Scott Garrison presented a draft policy for emergency notifications developed by the Digital Signage Committee. This group will work with VP Scoby to finalize the policy.
- Board of Trustees
Guest: Karen Huisman
The board meeting itinerary, new board member orientation, working session, meeting agendas and board action items were reviewed.
- PCAF: College of Arts and Sciences, Integrative Studies AA
Provost Blake presented this proposal, which was reviewed by the Council and will move forward in the curricular development process.
- PCAF: College of Arts and Sciences, Biochemistry BS
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- Women's Advocacy Forum
Provost Blake has been working with this group, which is dedicated to the advocacy and advancement of women through awards, mentoring, and professional development. He provided a handout presenting what this group hopes to accomplish over the next three years.
- Service Awards
VP Scoby presented suggestions developed by a PC sub-group for the annual Service Awards. These will be implemented in this year's ceremony.
- Preferred Name Policy
VP Ward-Roof presented a draft policy for discussion. After final revisions this will be posted.
- Enrollment
VP Ward-Roof presented the most recent data and discussed continuing efforts for recruitment.

- Round Robin
 - **VP Pilgrim's** Feb. 9 TV show will discuss Ben Shapiro's visit to campus. He requested that Council Members send him a listing of efforts around campus to help disadvantaged students.
 - **President Bellavance** shared that the opening of the UICA 40th anniversary celebration exhibitions is already having a profound effect on the City of Grand Rapids.
 - **Provost Blake** together with VP Pilgrim and International Director Piram Prakasam will be meeting with International faculty and students in two meetings on Thursday. He is meeting soon with administrators in the health professions to discuss helping Minnie Morey with health fairs in Grand Rapids.
 - **VP Ward-Roof** shared the success of increased student weekend programming, including last weekend's White Out the Rink for the hockey game. The Student Affairs Gala is April 28th at 6:00 pm
 - **VP Percy** UA& M is working with a football alumnus on a significant gift.
 - President Eisler wanted to thank Provost Blake and VP Pilgrim for working with the communications officer on last Monday's campus note. He has attended some excellent events on campus recently and encourages everyone to make time to attend.

Next meeting date:

Feb. 15, 9 a.m., CSS 301C, Big Topic meeting
Mar. 1, 9 a.m., CSS 301C, regular meeting

Meeting adjourned 11:34 a.m.
Submitted by Terri S. Cook