

Ferris State University

President's Council Meeting Summary March 1, 2017 9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

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

Agenda Items:

- The summary from the February 15, 2017 PC meeting was approved for posting.
- Board of Trustees Mtg. follow-up
Guest: Karen Huisman
Council members reviewed and discussed items from the Board of Trustees meetings that took place February 9 and 10.
- Hiring Process Exception Report
VP Postema presented the report which showed a decrease in HPE's since 2010.
- Admissions Marketing
VP Ward-Roof reminded Council members to offer suggestions at any time that would help in the efforts to increase enrollment. VP Postema added that it would be beneficial to let admissions know what other universities are doing also.
- Oakwood Apartments
Concerns about large gatherings at this complex were discussed. VP Ward-Roof will take on an approach providing useful information for parents and students about housing complexes in the area.
- Emeriti Policy
The revised version of the HR Emeritus Policy presented by VP Scoby was approved by Council members.
- Privacy Policy
Council members approved the Privacy Policy presented by VP Scoby. This will be accessible through a link on the Ferris webpage.
- Tot's Place Proposal
VP Scoby presented a proposal regarding Tot's place to change its name, and make it more accessible to students, possibly increasing University enrollment from the demographic that needs child care. After discussion the proposal was approved by Council members.
- Use of Search Firms
VP Scoby presented the procedure to follow when using either of the two search firms retained by the University and supported by the Council.

- **Big Topics**
Topics for next meeting are health insurance, Kendall Strategic Plan and Higher Learning Commission.
- **Scholarships**
Council members were asked to review the scholarships available from their areas and encourage the awarding of available funds. VP Percy offered the assistance of her division if needed.
- **Round Robin**
 - **President Bellavance reported** on the Dean's search, with plans to have finalists on campus by the end of March. The pool is narrowed to a diverse and accomplished group of seven. Kendall is excited about the candidates.
 - **VP Scoby** shared that Ferris is hosting the GLIAC basketball tournament this Saturday and Sunday and we are pleased to be in the men's finals again.
 - **VP Ward-Roof** announced we have met the United Way goal for this year. She also passed out dates and times for the May commencement ceremonies and said the electronic ticket system for students to get tickets for their families is working well. In addition they look forward to good results from actively marketing the Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Scholarship.
 - **President Eisler** said the recognition ceremony last evening for Rick Griffin for his efforts on behalf of political engagement was a wonderful evening. The Rick Griffin Political Engagement Award has been established to be awarded to a faculty member annually. He will be meeting with donors next week and giving legislative testimony, focusing on TIP on March 16th.

Next meeting date:

Mar. 15, 9 a.m., CSS 301C, Big Topic meeting
Apr. 5, 9 a.m., CSS 301C, regular meeting

Meeting adjourned 11:05 a.m.
Submitted by Terri S. Cook