

Ferris State University
President's Council
Meeting Summary
September 7, 2016
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

Bellavance, Blake, Eisler, Kamptner, Pearcy, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Ward-Roof

Agenda Items:

- The summary from the August 17, 2016 PC meeting was approved for posting.
- Employee Survey
VP Pilgrim shared implementation team and timeline updates for the Employee Survey. There will be a university-wide message as well as divisional notices to encourage participation of employees.
- Student Recreation Center
VP Ward-Roof thanked Council members for participating in a tour of the Student Recreation Center where they learned of repurposing space, replacing equipment and considered the impact of renovations for spring 2017.
- Alcohol Task Force
VP Ward-Roof announced that the Alcohol Task Force report will be released to campus soon. Dean Pufhal will establish a group to implement some of the recommendations.
- Enrollment/Housing Update
VP Ward-Roof provided the 4th day count Fall 2016 enrollment data. VP Scoby shared housing and dining data.
- Enrollment Forum
President Eisler announced that an Enrollment Forum has been set for September 22, 11:00 a.m. in IRC 115, in which he will present enrollment and retention information to the university community.
- Budget Discussion
President Eisler initiated discussion on the budget impact based on decreased enrollment.
- Board of Trustees
Council members discussed the work session topics for the October 7th Board of Trustee meeting.

- **Founders Day/Bulldog Beginnings**
President Eisler praised all involved in the Bulldog Beginnings, 1st Impressions, Founders' Day, and Ice Cream Social events. The overall opening week went very smoothly.
- **Comprehensive Campaign**
President Eisler reported that the Comprehensive Campaign co-chairs and committee membership are being developed. The draft case statement will be shared soon.
- **Big Topics**
Vice Presidents shared discussion topics for future meetings. September 21 agenda will include enrollment/scholarships and comprehensive campaign/case statement.
- **Round Robin**
 - **VP Ward-Roof** announced the Ferris United Way goal of \$60,000 and the Birkam Health Center open house set of Friday at 2-4pm.
 - **Pres. Bellavance** distributed a copy of the Kendall alumni magazine "Portfolio"; reminded of the UICA Oddball event on Sept. 24; and reported ArtPrize begins on Sept. 21.
 - **VP Scoby** announced the S&P and Moody's will be on campus for onsite bond rating; shared that roads/shuttle/parking changes seem to be acceptable this fall; Michigan Works! is holding a reception at ArtWorks on Friday; and distribute a brochure on the new Mecosta County Welcome Center.
 - **VP Pilgrim** announced a webinar on Sept. 14th regarding food insecure students; stated that Olivia Johnson has become the face of hungry students/food pantry for Ferris; announced that the Diversity report draft will be available net week.
 - **VP Percy** is reopening the AVP search; Ferris Foundation Gala materials are available and they are offering a reduced rate for faculty and staff this year; three RFPs were received for the web accessibility audit – one has been chosen.
 - **President Eisler** shared upcoming events: Sept 23 Alumni Reception/Dinner honoring Distinguished Alumni; Sept 24 Homecoming parade, tailgating, football and hockey games, and may be time for extra afternoon programming; Sept 26 West Michigan Policy Forum; Sept. 29 25th Anniversary of GRCC/ATC relationship; Sept. 30 2nd Sexual Assault Summit.

Next meeting date:

Sept. 21, 9 a.m., CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner