Ferris State University
President’s Council

Meeting Summary
January 12, 2022
8:30 am, CSS 301C

Attendance:
Bachmeier, Eisler, Fleischman, McCrackin, Pearcy, Pilgrim, Postema,
Walcott, Ward-Roof

Guest: Fredericka Hayes

Agenda Items:
- **Hybrid Work Follow-up** – Council members discussed hybrid work and
  shared hybrid work requests in their divisions.

- **COVID Discussion** – Council members discussed current COVID
guidelines and issues associated with the Omicron variant.

- **Policy Draft for Vaccination and Testing Mandates** – Assoc. VP of HR,
  Fredericka Hayes, shared a draft policy with Council Members in the event
  that the Supreme Court upholds the mandatory vaccination status for State
  employees.

- **Smoking Policy** – Director Hayes brought the Smoking Policy back for a
  minor edit. Council members support the policy moving forward.

- **MiFi Policy** – Council members reviewed the Mobile Communication
  Devices Policy. VP Bachmeier will provide more information on this at the
  next meeting.

- **Student Employee New Pay Levels** – As a result of the increase in the
  minimum wage, Council members reviewed and approved the proposed pay
  scale for student employees which be effective back to Jan. 1, 2022.

Round Robin
  - **VP Pearcy** – KMA, the campus wayfinding and environmental
    branding vendor, is making excellent progress and will present at the
    next Council meeting.
  - **President McCrackin** – The next UICA shows open Thursday with a
    reception from 5 -7 pm.
  - **Provost Fleischman** – There is a new clinic operations manager,
    Jeff Lodholtz, in MCO. He has identified efficiencies in billing that can
    increase revenue streams. They are still working on adjustments to
    the course caps in Banner creating more efficiencies there. The COB
    dean search has concluded and a selection will be made soon.
o **VP Pilgrim** – Franklin has completed the alumni wall website. The design of the Museum is coming along well. Waiting to hear from Steelcase and several other corporations on funding requests.

o **VP Ward-Roof** – OMSS has events coming up for the MLK celebration. Final three candidates have interviewed for the Executive Assistant position. There will be a reception on January 28th in the UC from 2 – 4 pm for Linda’s retirement.

o **VP Bachmeier** – Still working on training and usage of the Argos system that replaced WebFocus.

o **President Eisler** – Impressed with the work KMA has done. The Florida alumni events are still scheduled. A decision will be made a week from Friday if they need to be cancelled.

Meeting adjourned 11:49 am

Submitted by Terri S. Cook