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## **Ferris State University**

### **President's Council**

#### **Meeting Summary**

**January 15, 2020**

**9:00 a.m., CSS 301C**

#### **Attendance:**

Bachmeier, Blake, Eisler, Huisman (for Cook), McCrackin, Percy, Pilgrim, Postema, Ward-Roof

Guests: Associate Vice Presidents Mike Hughes and Gheretta Harris for Housing presentation

#### **Agenda Items:**

- Campus Incidents in the Classroom – confirmed VP's Blake (lead), Pilgrim, Ward-Roof and KCAD President McCrackin to work on draft processes and other recommendations regarding campus incidents. Item to be placed on the agenda for the next President's Council meeting.
- Housing Presentation – Associate VP Harris distributed a document for discussion on housing. Recommendations from VP Bachmeier were discussed in preparation for discussion with the Board of Trustees in February.
- Update on Provost Search – VP Pilgrim distributed a timeline and reported progress on the Provost Search. A former schedule for airport interview was distributed to seek input from the Council on developing the schedule to use for this search. He requested any input be provided to him by the 30<sup>th</sup> of January.
- Annual Diversity Report – VP Pilgrim provided a brief discussion of areas of focus which will be discussed during the presentation to the Board of Trustees in February. He requested any input on this document be provided during the next week to 10 days. He will coordinate discussion with President Eisler after reports from the Diversity Committee have been received.
- HLC Update – VP Ward-Roof reviewed a checklist of items for the HLC Reaffirmation of Accreditation. Discussion included information on divisional websites, policy reviews, consistency of website format, and implementing an easy link between the FSU and Kendall websites. A draft of the assurance argument is to be provided to the President's Council prior to Spring Break in March, and the Quality Improvement element is to be provided in mid-February.
- Request for Destruction of Lotus Notes Backup – VP and General Counsel Postema opened the topic for discussion. He will send out an email to the Council on this topic. No additional action was taken at this time.
- Board of Trustees Meeting Topics – President Eisler opened discussion on proposed work session topics for the next Board of Trustees meetings. After discussion it was

determined the topics of the Annual Diversity Report, Housing (Big Rapids campus and KCAD), and EAB will be recommended for inclusion in the working session.

### Round Robin

- **VP Ward- Roof** – Provided a flyer on the Office of Multicultural Student Services events on MLK Day. This Friday from 9 pm to midnight will be a celebration of the University Center – all are welcome to attend.
- **VP Blake** – working on formalizing agreements with Aquinas College and Calvin College.
- **President McCrackin** – KCAD has started a guest check-in process. They hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> First Impressions Day. The second floor looks very different. They will have a Helen Miller Welcome Center, then “The Center,” will house projects Jon Moroney has brought to the college through sponsored research. KCAD received a new \$12,500 scholarship endowment from extra credit projects.
- **VP Pilgrim** – The FYI program now has 30 individuals. Discussion is needed regarding increasing that amount. Thank you to those who can join the session with Tony Tomczak and others from DTE Energy on Friday. He will have additional discussion with President Eisler regarding bringing individuals to campus to share their expertise. He is working with Hirsch on how to do the presentations and design the website for the Strategic Plan.
- **VP and General Counsel Postema** – Friends of Ferris is no longer holding their annual dinner and auction, but they will still have a solicitation drive.
- **President Eisler** – Encouraged the Council to reach out to people in their network who may be interested in the Provost position. The State of the State will be on January 29; the Budget Release will be February 6. Keep an eye on the proposal to bond for the roads – could affect Capital Outlay.

Next meeting date:

February 5, 2020, Regular meeting, 9:00 am, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 12:16 pm  
Submitted by Karen K. Huisman