

Ferris State University

President's Council Meeting Summary January 16, 2019 9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

Bellavance, Cook, Eisler, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby
Guests: Leonard Johnson, Jeremy Mishler, Joy Pufhal

Agenda Items:

- Strategic Plan
Guests from the Enhancing Resources Group - Bob Murray and Jen Dirmeyer
Bob and Jen shared a handout outlining the three initiatives they are working on for the Strategic Plan. Council members gave suggestions and feedback for them to share with the Enhancing Resources Group.
 - Academic Calendars
Copies of the Academic Calendars for 2021, 2022 and 2023 were considered by the Council members for finalization. Academic Affairs will review and a final decision reached at a future meeting.
 - Mileage Reimbursement Rate
Council members were asked to review the mileage reimbursement rate as permitted by revised IRS guidelines. Council approved an increase of 2.8% or \$.56 per mile.
 - New Michigan Sick Leave and Minimum Wage Laws
Council members were asked to review the new policies as they do impact on the University. This topic will be revisited at the first meeting in February.
 - Repurposing Digital Media Player Equipment
VP Scoby explained that some units have opted not to continue using their digital media equipment due to annual costs involved in operating them. Council members determined that the equipment should be re-purposed for units that are willing to pick up the cost as opposed to letting the equipment just sit idle.
 - University Wide Notices and Email System
With the conversion of students, alumni and emeriti to the Outlook Email system, they are all now included in notices sent to campus. IT is working on a way to divide the groups into different distribution lists to address this.
- Round Robin
- **VP Pilgrim** - Diversity Plan sent out to Council members. Thank you for your comments. Urban league breakfast table Monday, need to fill. Update on Hampton piece coming from he and Franklin. Carrie Weis painting two of the portraits of the Hampton students. Finishing second draft of book next week

and will be submitting to the editor. MLK last speech given was at Manchester College on Jan. 30, and he will be speaking there on that date.

- **Dean Pufhal** – Spring welcome today in the UC, free cocoa.
- **VP Postema** – Legislative Luncheon, Jan. 31, 39 legislators to be in attendance. Friends of Ferris has sold 100 tickets so far. Thank you to those who have purchased a ticket, table or donated a silent auction item. Feb. 1 is cut-off for accepting auction items and get them in the program but will accept up until the event.
- **VP Mishler** – Alumni events in FLA next week. Moving forward with 160/90 Marketing Firm into creative development phase.
- **President Eisler** – recently met with new Board members Kurt Hoffman, and Kari Sederburg and also with new board chair, Amna Seibold.

Next meeting date:

January 30, Regular meeting, 10:00 am, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 11:47 am

Submitted by Terri S. Cook