Ferris State University

President’s Council
Meeting Summary
February 3, 2021
9:00 am, Zoom

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

Guests: Fredericka Hayes, Susan Bonner, Bill Fisher and a group of Kendall Students

Agenda Items:

- **Board of Trustees** – Council members reviewed the agenda and discussed the itinerary for the Board of Trustees working sessions and meetings on February 19.

- **Summer Camps** – Council members reviewed tentative plans for offering camps during summer 2021. VP Bachmeier and Provost Fleischman will gather more information for a discussion at the Feb. 17 meeting.

- **Summer Dining and Housing** – Council members discussed housing and dining options for summer 2021. VP Ward-Roof, Provost Fleischman and VP Bachmeier will gather more information for further discussion at the Feb. 17 meeting.

- **Employee Evaluations and Timeline** – Employee evaluations will be conducted this year following a similar timeline as last year. More information will be announced to the campus soon. The process starts in April and will be completed by the end of June.

- **Organization Audit/Institutional Effectiveness** – in keeping with the Strategic Plan, Council members are continuing discussions on Institutional Effectiveness. Council members shared input and VP Bachmeier will put together steps for moving forward as a basis for discussion at the Feb. 17 meeting.

- **Jim Crow Museum Collaboration** – Council members viewed a remarkable presentation of animations that Kendall students produced to highlight African American Achievers. This was a collaboration between the Jim Crow Museum and Kendall to provide an interdisciplinary experience for the students, but also created some wonderful animations for the museum. The animations highlighted the achievements of The Harlem Hellfighters, Rube Foster, Leontyne Price, Shirley Chisholm ad Garret Morgan. Some students that worked on the project joined the meeting and shared their experience with Council Members.
Round Robin

- **Provost Fleischman** – getting ready for the BOT meetings and looking forward to the SPARC meeting February 9.
- **President McCrackin** – UICA in the news for an interview and looking forward to a soft opening in July.
- **VP Pearcy** – Brandi Behrenwald is hosting a Town Hall about engaging alumni with people from across campus as part of the work toward the Strategic Plan target of engagement with 25,000 alumni by 2024.
- **VP Ward-Roof** – currently enrollment is doing well with FTIACS up about 12%. Transfer and professional students are still down. The wastewater testing is now being used to determine variants of COVID along with determining areas of outbreaks. Student government intends to invite VP Bachmeier and Mike Hughes to a future meeting to discuss safety issues when crossing State and Perry Streets.
- **President Eisler** – the Michigan Senate has rejected some Trustee appointments at other universities. He thanked council members for their work.

Meeting adjourned 12:04 pm

Submitted by Terri S. Cook