

Ferris State University

President's Council Meeting Summary March 4, 2020 9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

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

Guests: Mike Grandy, Bruce Borkovich, Mike Hughes, Bert Koseck, Stan Cole, Mike Cascio
Joe Haupt, Mandy Seiferlein, Jeff Ek, Jennifer Hegenauer, Leonard Johnson

Agenda Items:

- University Emergency Response Plan – Mike Grandy explained that the current Continuity Plan software is no longer supported. Migration to the new software is under way. Individual departments will need to update plans for their areas. Training sessions will begin in May with more sessions to be held at the start of fall semester. Bruce Borkovich recommends that we also update the Emergency Plan at this time. Ferris has hired an outside consultant to assist with this process.
- Campus Master Plan – Mike Hughes along with representatives from the architectural firm of Neumann Smith solicited input from the Council members on ideas, concepts and areas of importance in the next Campus Master Plan. Work on this will continue through the summer with input from a variety of constituents across the University. The goal is to share this with the Board in August with final approval in October.
- HLC Assurance Agreement – Mandy Seiferlein, Jeff Ek and Jennifer Hegenauer from the HLC Committee gave an update on the current draft of the Assurance Agreement required for the HLC reaccreditation visit. They have enlisted the members of the Council to review the criterion arguments and evidence and provide feedback. They will be visiting the Council meetings throughout the rest of the semester to make sure all five criterion are thoroughly vetted.
- Academic Integrity Policy – In keeping with the HLC accreditation process, Associate Provost Johnson brought several policies forward that have been recently updated. Council members reviewed the Academic Integrity Policy and discussed revisions. With the revisions made the policy will move forward to VP Postema for General Counsel's review. The policy will then be brought back to Council members for their approval.
- Student Complaint Policy – Assoc. Provost Johnson shared the Student Complaint Policy with Council members. After discussion and minor revisions, Council members approved this policy for posting.
- Transfer Credit Policy – This policy, also brought to the Council members by Assoc. Provost Johnson, has been thoroughly vetted by the registrar's office and the

Transfer Services Center. After discussion, Council members approved it to be moved forward to General Counsel for review and posting to campus.

- December Holiday Closing Schedule – the December Holiday Closing Schedule has been approved by Council Members through 2023 and will be posted to the web.
- Coronavirus Update – VP Ward Roof gave an update on what's being done to prepare the University for the Coronavirus. The University continues to monitor the CDC and other sites in an attempt to manage programs and study abroad to other countries. There is also a group that was formed to discuss scenarios for the University in the event of breakouts and or quarantines that could affect the campus. The campus will be continually updated as new information is obtained.

Next meeting date:

March 18, 2020, Big Topics, 9:00 am, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 11:26 am

Submitted by Terri S. Cook