Ferris State University
President's Council
Meeting Summary
April 7, 2021
8:30 am, Zoom

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

Agenda Items:
- **Public Safety/Student Conduct Report** – Ward-Roof discussed the committee’s plans which include the preparation of an executive summary and hosting a town hall presentation with the campus community the week of April 19.
- **Universal Deadline for Employees’ Return to Physical Workspace** – With campus returning to a more “normal” schedule for the fall semester, Council members discussed options for Employees’ physically returning. Working with the re-entry Committee, an announcement will be made next week.
- **Planning Calendar/Review of Expectations** – Council members reviewed the calendar for spring planning sessions and discussed an agenda and topics for each of the three sessions. They also discussed the University Expectations that will be presented to the Board in May.
- **Advanced Vehicle Technologies Certificate** – Provost Fleischman provided an overview of a proposed Certificate in Advanced Vehicle Technologies. This certificate provides an opportunity for students to learn about cutting edge technology regarding hybrid and electric vehicles. Council members supported the proposal.
- **Efficiency Initiative** – VP Bachmeier, along with VP Ward-Roof, VP Pilgrim and Provost Fleischman have been meeting to discuss ways to implement the strategic goal Institutional Effectiveness initiative. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.
- **Employee or Independent Contractor Policy** – the University follows IRS guidelines for the definition of an independent contractor. VP Bachmeier proposed revisions to the current policy. Council members support the changes.
- **Delegation of Contract Signing Authority** – VP Bachmeier made minor changes to this policy and Council members support.

Round Robin
- **VP Pilgrim** – DI&SI has received a Grant to host a traveling exhibit of Bruce Davidson’s Photography. This will be first presented on the
Big Rapids campus this summer. This exhibition will be at Kendall from Sept 22 thru Nov. 4, with an opening reception on Sept. 22.

- **Provost Fleischman** – Vaccine update: 1000 registered. After Friday it will be opened up to dependents of faculty and staff. He has attended several sessions at the HLC conference this week. Emphasis is on the future of Higher Education after COVID. The Deans search for CASE has yielded 100 applications. They are in the process of reviewing them now.

- **VP Postema** – they have hired a new Director or Labor Relations, Michael Garrity will be joining us May 3. They are also in the process of meeting with semi-finalists for Ken Plas’ position.

- **Assoc. VP Mishler** – UA&M is well ahead on transitioning all web pages over to the new format. It will be completed by the end of the year. Upcoming events include: The Donor Society Celebration is a virtual event and the Grand Rapids Growing Opportunity is an in-person event on May 11. The Alumni Golf Outing has 31 sponsors and will be held on May 14.

- **President McCrackin** – Kendall transitioned to the new web platform last week. They have received approval on their liquor license.

- **VP Bachmeier** – The BR City Commission approved the next step for a liquor license for Katke. Be reminded of vacation accruals coming up. The computer will automatically cut off at 160 hours on June 30. VP Bachmeier will provide the VP’s with a list of the people and the hours they have in each of their areas.

- **President Eisler** – One Day for Dawgs is April 14 and there are 50+ teams competing. They are off to a good start in contributions already.

Meeting adjourned 11:51 am

Submitted by Terri S. Cook