

Ferris State University

President's Council Meeting Summary April 22, 2020 9:00 a.m., Zoom

Attendance:

Bachmeier, Blake, Cook, Eisler, McCrackin, Percy, Pilgrim, Postema,
Ward-Roof

Agenda Items:

- March 4 and April 15 Meeting Summaries approved for posting.
- **Health and Safety Plans for Re-Opening Campus** – Council members discussed next steps as we prepare to eventually re-open the campus. Taking into consideration what our peer institutions are doing, the safety of faculty, staff and students, and the advice of experts, a team will be formed to explore best practices for a gradual re-opening of the campus.
- **Update on Academic Plans** – Paul Blake is heading a group that is working on different scenarios for academic delivery going forward. They have a framework and will have more details to share with Council Members after a 3:00 pm meeting later today. Kendall is working on a parallel plan as they have some situations unique to them.
- **University Wide Expectations** – Council members discussed Expectations for the University going forward. A draft document will be prepared for review and discussion at a later date.
- **Cares Act** – Council members discussed possibilities for the Cares Act money that will be provided for students in Higher Education. There is more to learn about the rules and regulations for use and accountability of the funds. Council members will continue to receive updates to assist with use of these funds going forward.
- **Vacation Leave Extensions** – Council members are considering an extension of vacation days since employees have not been able to go anywhere so have not been able to use them. An announcement will come at a later date.
- **Round Robin**
 - **VP Percy**– our team is working intensely on student hardship fund – working on comprehensive plan, total \$87,000 – goal \$500,000. Ferris.edu changed the hero photos and added more information relative to students' current situation. Alumni Golf outing cancelled will check into the Pulte Dedication, but that should also be cancelled.
 - **President McCrackin** – Fredericka did trainings on annual evaluations before we left campus. Is the deadline extended? Miles and Jim have been working on, Paul and Jeanine would appreciate an extension. Extend to June 15 – raises start July 1. Student Exhibition will be on-line – building out a website with image from each graduating senior, high light of

- excellence award winners, featuring graduate thesis work, and preview looks really good. Very doable – will continue this process.
- **VP Pilgrim** – attended Peru study abroad Zoom presentation which was a behind the scenes chronology and was very even handed. Considering a mini documentary and paper. Doing virtual tours of the museum with prospective donors. Provost search – thanks for attending. Open session 80 in the morning, 2nd session 60. Total was more than when the candidates were on campus.
 - **President Eisler** – The Zoom interviews are more cost effective and have garnered greater attendance. There seems little reason to do airport interviews in the future.
 - **Provost Blake** – announcement about summer going out this afternoon. 186 students have registered for the virtual open house. Colleges have started on the second round of calling, should have stats by the end of the day.
 - **VP Bachmeier** – Students applying for Federal Unemployment communication going out next week. State unemployment really ramped up. Checks coming in a timely manner. AFSCME asked if they could use computers in the Rock but ended up going back and forth between houses and got everyone signed up for unemployment.
 - **VP Ward-Roof** – Calling efforts going well. Counseling engaged with students virtually. Fredericka has been doing robust work on ENCOMPASS for employee support. Commencement prep going well. Torch bearers will be on-line also, details to come. Will be launched over a series of days. More nominations than we have ever had. A lot of virtual events going on, people connecting.
 - **President Eisler** – share SPARC ideas with him at your one on one meetings. Service Awards will be August 27 and most likely virtual. 335 years of service represented. Dave sending each recipient a personalized certificate.

Next meeting date:

April 29, 9:00 am, Zoom

Meeting adjourned 11:18 am

Submitted by Terri S. Cook