Ferris State University

President’s Council
Meeting Summary
May 13, 2020
9:00 a.m., Zoom

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

Guests: Mandy Seiferlein, Jeff Ek

Agenda Items:
• May 7, 2020 Meeting Summary approved for posting.

• HLC Criterion 2 – Guests Mandy and Jeff guided the Council members through the HLC Criterion document for Criterion 2. Council members provided input and gave feedback on the document. Criterion 3 will be reviewed at the May 27 meeting.

• Budget – Discussions on the budget and approaches to reach needed reductions continued. Virtual Town Halls were held this week to share the challenges the University will face going forward.

• Re-entry to Campus – The decision was made last week and announced that we will have students back to campus this fall. VP Ward-Roof gave an update from the campus re-entry group. Council members will continue to provide input to this group so that we make a safe return for students, faculty and staff. It was suggested the re-entry group consider holding Town Halls to assist with this process.

• Round Robin
  o VP Pearcy – We have had good media play on the announcement regarding the opening of campus for the fall semester. The team is working on a top notch video to highlight all of the University’s efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  o Provost Blake – the parents of six students from Fremont personally wrote notes to the Provost about the virtual Commencement Ceremonies.
  o President Eisler – enjoyed the virtual Commencement Ceremonies very much. They were well done. Thank you to VP Pearcy for the wonderful PR on the campus re-opening. Alumni engagement is going very well.

Meeting adjourned 11:29 am

Submitted by Terri S. Cook