Ferris State University
President's Council
Meeting Summary
May 19, 2021
9:00 am, Zoom

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

Guests: Fredericka Hayes, Bhavani Koneru

Agenda Items:

- **Board of Trustees** – Council members reviewed notes from the May Board Meeting and discussed plans for the Board’s special session on June 3rd.

- **Re-Entry/Welcome to Campus** – With the recent relaxation of restrictions for the work environment, Council members plan a return of employees to campus by June 14th. Discussion centered on ways to celebrate the occasion while also thanking those that have continued working on campus throughout the pandemic.

- **Travel Policy** – Council members agreed to continue to follow CDC guidelines regarding travel and to revisit this topic as guidelines change. While domestic travel is returning, this is not the case currently with international travel.

- **Remote Work Policy** – Council members discussed options for remote work and a possible policy on this project. There is a form available from HR from employees requesting remote work because of health or medical issues.

- **Multi-Factor Authentication** – Bhavani Koneru joined the Council to explain the campus rollout of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) and to provide a timeline for this process. All employees will receive a link to implement this. MFA is needed not only for greater information security but is a requirement for our cyber insurance coverage. This information will be shared with the campus community via email and UWN.

- **Equity Based Navigate Proposal** – As part of the University commitment to Diversity and Inclusion and the enrollment goals of the Strategic Plan, discussions with EAB have created equity-based partnership for the implementation of their student success program, Navigate. Council members reviewed and discussed a presentation on this proposed program. As next steps, several questions will be posed for EAB and Provost Fleischman will schedule a Navigate presentation by EAB for academic advisors and other interested people who will use this program.

- **University Rate Schedule** – Council members reviewed and approved some changes to the University Rate Schedule for the next academic year.
• **Bird Scooters on Campus** – Council members discussed the use of Bird Scooters on campus. Concerns centered around parking considerations, potential illegal use on sidewalks, prohibiting use around the Quad and other safety considerations. VP Bachmeier will follow up with any needed policy questions and geofencing certain areas of campus.

• **Enrollment Update** – VP Ward-Roof provided the most recent enrollment numbers.

Round Robin
  o **Provost Fleischman** – the push continues on enrollment buckets working together across divisions. He will have a proposal to President Eisler soon regarding a tuition adjustment for some students from the Republic of Congo that will need to go to the Board for approval. An offer has been made to the finalist for the CASE dean. An announcement will be made upon acceptance.
  o **President McCrackin** – Kendall received a grant in support of the Wege Prize Grant for 2.2 ml over 5 years.
  o **President Eisler** – The next planning day is May 25th and will be in person in room IRC 107. VP’s will share their division expectations. Here forward the Council will return to in person meetings using a classroom when needed for social distancing.

Meeting adjourned 11:50 am

Submitted by Terri S. Cook