

# Ferris State University

## President's Council

### Meeting Summary

July 22, 2020

9:00 a.m., Zoom

#### Attendance:

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

#### Agenda Items:

- July 8, 2020 Meeting Summary approved for posting.
- **Board Retreat** – Agenda for the retreat was reviewed by the Council members containing the following items:
  - Trustees will meet new Provost, Dr. Robert (Bobby) Fleischman.
  - Presentations will be given by Vice Presidents on meeting Strategic Plan Targets. Trustees will be able to provide input after each presentation.
  - VP Bachmeier will present on University Finances.
- **On-Line Fees** – Council members discussed fees for on-line classes. Under the circumstances and with the current climate it was decided that these fees would be waived for this academic year.
- **Diversity and Inclusion** – VP Pilgrim developed a discussion draft on a starting point for focused efforts on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The council reviewed the document. This will be shared with the Trustees at the upcoming Board Retreat.
- **Higher Learning Commission** – Council members were provided with an update from the co-chairs of the HLC Committee. The assurance argument is being reviewed by an external reviewer and that process should be complete by next week. The Committee will have this document completed by Sept. 1. Editors are working on the document and final evidence curation is ongoing. The HLC co-chairs will come back to the Council in September to finalize preparations for the HLC visit in October.
- **Title IX Overview** – Work continues on aligning the current policy with new guidance provided the U.S. Department of Education on Title IX requirements. VP Ward-Roof highlighted some of the changes being made. Council members will review the proposed university policy and continue discussion at next week's meeting.
- **Re-entry to Campus** – VP Ward-Roof provided an update on re-entry activities.

- An email providing clarity for students regarding access to the method of teaching for classes and to provide information regarding housing and dining will be going out soon.
- University Ballrooms will be used for classes to maintain social distancing.
- Links will be provided on the website for sanitization protocols and the HVAC report.
- Local community outreach will occur to let landlords know what we are doing to decrease COVID-19 spread. This will be shared with The Pioneer.
  
- **Social Media** – VP Bachmeier and VP Percy are leading the revision of our current policy. This should be ready for Council review by early September.
  
- **Parking Office Changes** – VP Bachmeier provided a document with changes for the parking office for fall. They will move away from all face to face sales and be on-line only. Also new to the office will be the availability of commuter and apartment parking permits. Students will have the option to purchase both. These will also be available on-line and will allow students to use lots that are not currently being utilized. This offering will be evaluated in May 2021 to see if it should continue.
  
- **Round Robin**
  - **VP Pilgrim** - C-Span will be at the museum virtually tomorrow for 30 to 40 minutes to share a mini-documentary for promotional purposes.
  - **President McCrackin** – Murals are up to cover the broken windows at Kendall and are nicely done. The windows are scheduled for replacement August 17 at which time murals will be displayed inside Kendall.
  - **VP Ward-Roof** – Enrollment numbers continue to be hard to predict. Board Chair Amna Seibold pitched in and contacted students in her area. Outreach continues by all admissions staff. Soon there will be a display between Starbucks and the entrance to the UC to highlight the alumni that Franklin and VP Pilgrim found and researched.
  - **VP Bachmeier** – The GLIAC Council of Presidents is discussing fall sports. Athletes will retain their scholarships and continue to train. VP Bachmeier and VP Percy will work with sports media to handle questions and concerns.
  - **VP Percy** – The Comprehensive Campaign is approaching the \$100 million mark. Annual giving for 2019-20 is approximately \$11.5 million.
  - **Provost Fleischman** – Currently 40% of classes are scheduled for face to face delivery in the fall with 30% on-line and 10% Hyflex. By Friday all courses will be updated in Banner.
  - **President Eisler** – The new hockey league (CCHA) has been created. A commissioner has been hired and another team wishes to join the ranks to bring the league to eight teams.

Meeting adjourned 12:19 pm

Submitted by Terri S. Cook