

Ferris State University

President's Council

Meeting Summary

July 29, 2020

8:00 am, Zoom

Attendance:

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

Agenda Items:

- July 22, 2020 Meeting Summary approved for posting.
- **Board Retreat** – Council members reviewed details for the Board Retreat.
- **Sabbaticals** – Due to the challenges with COVID 19, Provost Fleischman reached out to faculty members that are scheduled for sabbaticals this fall.
- **Title IX Policy** – Council members continued the discussion from last week regarding the new Title IX Policy. Key questions are being addressed and the policy will be ready for campus review soon.
- **Founders' Day** – VP Ward-Roof shared proposed activities for Founders' Day from the Bulldog Beginnings. Activities will be limited to students and Ferris employees.
- **Re-entry to Campus** – Re-entry planning continues as we prepare for a safe return this fall. A few new things that are in the works:
 - We are currently scheduled to utilize 290 out of 440 classrooms for face to face classes.
 - Spectrum will handle testing of employees and students that are symptomatic or may have been exposed.
 - We are working on thermometers to give to students as part of their obligation to fill out the symptom checker each day.
- **PCAF – Professional E-Sports Productions (BS)** - Provost Fleischman presented the Preliminary Curriculum Authorization Form for a bachelor's degree in Professional E-Sports Productions. The degree as proposed is completely on-line, cross-disciplinary, and in a rapidly growing field. After discussion the Council members agreed to move the proposal forward.
- **Round Robin**
 - **Provost Fleischman** – Currently working on his presentation for the Board and will be in touch soon for feedback from the Council members.
 - **VP Bachmeier** – There are more masks and gators available with the Ferris logo if anyone needs more for their areas. The GLIAC has decided to play only conference games. More information will follow. August 13 is bill payment date. Housing is

- expecting some room cancellations. As athletes return to campus they will be using the rubber room for workouts and can social distance there.
- **VP Pilgrim** – August 14 at 5:00 pm there will be a 90 min. zoom Town Hall initiated by Byron Brooks with the assistance of Casey Thompson, VP Pilgrim and others. The C-Span visit went really well. Franklin videoed the event also and sent the raw footage to C-Span. The documentary will be out soon.
 - **VP Ward-Roof** – The deans' communication to students helped them know how classes will be delivered and was very helpful. The enrollment team continues to work hard and is remaining optimistic about final numbers.
 - **VP Percy** – Asks that you check your web pages for any staff changes and update where necessary. Contact UA&M if you need assistance.
 - **President McCrackin** – Finished the book, *Haste to Rise*, written by VP Pilgrim and Franklin Hughes and enjoyed it very much. The Kendall COVID web page will turn over to the fall planning page soon.
 - **President Eisler** – Please think about who you would invite to the Planning Retreat on August 19 and send this listing. Still working with GLIAC and WCHA regarding the athletic seasons. There will be an announcement later today regarding Plaza Roosevelt.

Meeting adjourned 12:06 pm

Submitted by Terri S. Cook