Ferris State University
President’s Council

Meeting Summary
August 4, 2021
9:00 am, CSS 301C

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

Agenda Items:
• **Board of Trustees** – Council members shared their presentations for the Board retreat sessions August 5 and 6. Last minute questions or concerns were discussed by the group.

• **Academic Calendars** –
VP Ward-Roof presented the Academic Calendars for 2024 and 2025. Council members reviewed and approved of the calendars.

• **Fall Semester COVID Mitigation** – Council members discussed any changes that may be needed with the start of fall semester and a return of everyone to campus. Our policy is to continue to follow CDC guidelines for masking. We will not be mandating vaccinations, but do encourage everyone to get vaccinated and offer vaccination clinics on campus. Anyone needing up to date information regarding COVID can find it on our website. [https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/coronavirus/homepage.htm](https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/coronavirus/homepage.htm)

• **Big Topics for Next Meeting** – Council members decided enrollment and budget would be two topics for the next meeting. Additional topics may be added.

Round Robin

o **VP Pilgrim** – the Executive Director of the Grand Rapids Opera would like to partner with the Jim Crowe museum in February when they show the premier of Stinney: An American Execution. The partnership would be in the form of a painting exhibition at the Museum. Ann Rossi of the Michigan Dept. of HR was here yesterday for a site visit. This agency approves grant funding for the FYI support staff. The initial meeting for Navigate with EAB was held recently, more to follow.

o **VP Bachmeier** – Suggested it would be a good idea to help boost enrollment if we publicized that we have a job for every student that comes to Ferris.

o **President McCrackin** – the Wege Prize Collaborative Studio launched this past week. September 9 is the UICA Grand Opening. President McCrackin and President Eisler to give remarks. The UICA ArtPrize exhibit will be on the exterior of WNF building. Also as part of ArtPrize DisArt is exhibiting on 3 windows at Kendall entitled “My
Dearest Friends” which puts a spotlight on mental health. There are new Banners on all four corners of Kendall that highlight alumni work. Confluence is a new festival this spring and Kendall is sponsoring an event during homecoming weekend in September in collaboration.

- **Provost Fleischman** – Daniel Taylor has accepted the interim dean position at MCO. A search for a new dean will get under way soon.
- **President Eisler** – Thank you for all the time spent getting ready for the Board meetings. A search firm has been chosen for the Presidential search. The Banners that VP Pearcy spearheaded for all around campus and at Kendall are awesome.

Meeting adjourned 11:44 am

Submitted by Terri S. Cook