Ferris State University

President’s Council
Meeting Summary
August 12, 2020
9:00 am, Zoom

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

Agenda Items:

- July 29, 2020 Meeting Summary approved for posting.

- **Board Retreat Review** – Council members shared notes from the Board Retreat held on August 6 and 7.

- **EAB Workshop** – Council members discussed plans for this upcoming meeting. The focus is on the Strategic Plan and how to move forward and engage the campus community in this effort.

- **Consensual Relations Policy** – This policy will be presented to the university community for comment this fall. Council members agreed that a town hall or halls might be beneficial to receive feedback on the policy. Provost Fleischman will coordinate these with members from the committee that developed the policy.

- **Student Fees** – The University will not charge the Racquet and Fitness fee since that facility will not be open this fall. In addition, Kendall has removed fees and print fees for the fall semester.

- **Re-entry to Campus** – The re-entry group continues to work diligently to prepare the campus for a safe return. Council members discussed possible alterations to the academic calendar.

- **Round Robin**
  - **VP Pilgrim** – The Discussion on Race and Social Justice in Big Rapids organized by Byron Brooks is this Friday, via zoom from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. When students return to campus they should be encouraged to ride bikes, walk etc. to get outdoors as much as possible when they return. VP Ward-Roof added that UREC is working on activities to encourage this.
  - **VP Bachmeier** – Divisions will be responsible for the costs of MiFi devices after August 31. Please send a FOAP to IT for any devices you wish to keep.
  - **Provost Fleischman** – Academic Affairs is currently working on logistics for traffic flow surrounding classes that are taught at similar times. Kits with PPE are being assembled by the staff to hand out to faculty that will be teaching face to face and Hyflex classes. The division is also working on organizational charts to improve communications between the colleges.
President McCrackin – Kendall is preparing for the semester opening. Windows and the front door that were damaged during the demonstrations will be replaced on Monday.

VP Pearcy – UA&M launched the re-design of the Ferris home page this week. The page puts prospective students at top of mind and any feedback would be appreciated.

VP Ward-Roof – Do not see a possible plan for an in-person Commencement in December. Will discuss with Deans and make an announcement after the start of the semester. Much more COVID signage has been put in place and there is more to come.

President Eisler – Thank you to Kendall for graciously hosting the Board meetings August 6 and 7. With all the activity in HR, it is suggested that the annual Employee Service Awards Ceremony that was postponed until Welcome Back Week, be postponed. VP Bachmeier will discuss this with the HR staff. There was a data breach in Blackbaud that affected fundraising information for the UICA but the UA&M data was not affected as they use a different product. The GLIAC made the decision to postpone all athletic competitions through Jan. 1. This information has been posted to the website. Sales Force has the capability to run large events. This might be a good resource for Commencements and The Ferris Foundation Gala.

Meeting adjourned 11:18 am

Submitted by Terri S. Cook