Ferris State University

President’s Council
Meeting Summary
October 7, 2020
9:00 am, Zoom

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

Agenda Items:
• Sept. 23, 2020 Meeting Summary approved for posting.

• Board of Trustees October Meeting – Council members discussed the recent Board Meeting. Presentations went well and the information shared was well received by the Board members.

• FY21 State Appropriation and Reporting Requirements – There are new reporting requirements in the recently passed state budget. These were discussed by the Council Members. The budget office will assist with coordination of these reporting requirements.

• Distinguished Staff and Team Award Committee – With two committee members leaving, one through retirement and the other through term expiration, the Council Members were asked to suggest replacements. President Eisler will contact the suggested individuals and ask them to serve.

• Social Media Policy – Council members reviewed the edits suggested at a previous meeting. VP Pearcy will make any additional changes discussed today. With those edits, Council members approved the policy for posting to the campus community for comments.

• PCAF: AA in Art History – VP McCrackin presented a PCAF for Council review. After addressing any questions, the proposal was approved.

• Revised Non-Discrimination Grievance Procedures – VP Postema provided the documentation for this policy with minor housekeeping edits. Council members reviewed and approved the new policy.

• MESSA Insurance Rates and Employee Contributions - VP Bachmeier presented data on the new rates as informational to the Council Members.

• Student Listening Sessions – Council members discussed the recent student listening sessions. These sessions are an opportunity to see how students are doing, how they are feeling, and how they are coping with the transition back to school. What we learn can guide us on actions to take and next steps. More sessions will be scheduled.
• **Re-Entry to Campus** – With questions regarding the Executive Orders, we are moving forward with our plan of requiring masks, social distancing, washing hands and filling out the symptom checker. The committee has put together Care Packages for quarantined students to help fill their time in isolation and provide them with snacks. Contact tracing is being done in a timelier manner thanks to the new RN that was hired for case management. VP Bachmeier gave an update on the quick tests that we ordered. They are on campus and will begin to be administered the week after next. Some training is required on the machine that processes them.

• **Round Robin**
  - **Provost Fleischman** – Moving forward with the Consensual Relationship Policy. Will do a Town Hall and then post for the campus. Will be doing a national search for CASE Dean's position. Would like to take a look at an integrated advising system and bring it to the Council at a future meeting.
  - **VP Ward-Roof** – Oct. 9 and 13 there will be a drive through Flu Clinic in Lot 4. October 15 there will be Deliberative Dialogue Training and October 16 will be a mock session.
  - **VP Pilgrim** – nominated as a Champion of Diversity by President Eisler. There will be a web celebration and will have Patty Terryn send the information to all Council members. Please remind your direct reports to post work they are doing toward the Strategic Plan goals on the website. There is work being done on a History Space on campus to showcase Ferris alumni that have major achievements or accomplishments.
  - **President McCrackin** – On October 13, Kendall is also having a flu shot clinic. The Equity Council is launching on Oct. 13.
  - **VP Bachmeier** – There are plenty of the bulldog masks if any or your departments need more. They are inexpensive and make a good marketing tool.
  - **President Eisler** – The HLC visit went very well thanks to the efforts of chair, Mandy Seiferlein and the entire team. Sessions were well attended and we received some good feedback. We should have the report in about 4 weeks. Continue to meet with athletics groups. NCAA recommendations for the basketball is to test athletes three times a week. Hockey is also hoping to start in January with athletes being tested three times a week.

Meeting adjourned 11:37 am

Submitted by Terri S. Cook