

Ferris State University

President's Council Meeting Summary October 9, 2019 9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

Bachmeier, Blake, Cook, Eisler, McCrackin, Pearcy, Pilgrim, Postema, Ward-Roof
Guests: Deb Rockey

Agenda Items:

- **Succession Planning**
As a follow-up to the last Council meeting, Deb Rockey from Rockey Road Consulting shared her expertise and insights into succession planning to aid Council members with future planning in their areas.
- **Board Meeting Review**
Council members discussed the recent Board Meetings and working sessions held in Grand Rapids on October 3rd and 4th. Working sessions were very productive and the meetings went well. Dinner with former trustees was an enjoyable evening.
- **Password Policy**
In light of significant recent phishing incidents, VP Bachmeier brought forward a revision to the University Password Policy. Council members discussed the length of the password, requirement of symbols and the possibility of going to a two factor authentication requirement. Council members agreed with the needed changes.
- **Title IX Education**
VP Ward-Roof shared new Title IX education sessions available October 31 in UC 202. These sessions will be presented by Rebecca Veidlinger, a nationally known Title IX expert. There are two sessions for issues in the classroom (11:00 – 12:15 and 3:30- 4:45) and two sessions for issues outside the classroom (9:00 – 10:15 and 1:30 – 2:45). Anyone wishing to register can do so via the Staff Center Events site. If you cannot attend a session in person, there will be a BlueJeans link available to join.

Round Robin

- **VP Ward-Roof** – Just a heads up that an anti-abortion group called Created Equal will have a display in the Quad tomorrow. Oct. 25th and 26th is Family and Friends weekend and there are 1293 students and guests registered to attend. Big Rapids passed the acceptance of marijuana dispensaries. Thank you for attending the Enrollment Breakfast. We plan to make it an annual event on the 5th day of classes.
- **VP Pearcy** – All invitations to the Foundation Benefit have gone out. The deadline to register is October 18.

- **VP Bachmeier** – Chief Technology Officer final three candidates will be on campus the last week of October. The AVP for human resources candidates are on campus this week.
- **VP Pilgrim** –The Diversity and Inclusion office is in the process of hiring an educator facilitator for the Jim Crow Museum with the grant they received. It is time to turn his attention to the annual Diversity Report. Thank you for all your help on the Strategic Plan. The time the Council gave to the chairs of the committees was very helpful. The Strategic Plan website is up to date with special thanks to Franklin Hughes. The new definitions for core values that resulted from the Plan need to be promoted to the campus. Having a debriefing of the Strategic Plan process would be helpful to the next group – What did we learn?
- **President Eisler** – with the Board approval of the New Strategic Plan, please continue to work on the initiatives for your divisions. Provost Blake has announced his retirement at the end of the Spring 2020 semester. VP Pilgrim will be a co-chair of the search committee. Jennifer Dirmeyer will be stepping in as the chair of SPARC starting next semester.

Next meeting date:

Oct. 23, Big Topics, 9:00 am, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 12:12 pm

Submitted by Terri S. Cook