Ferris State University

President’s Council
Meeting Summary
December 2, 2020
8:00 am, Zoom

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

Agenda Items:
• November 18, 2020 Meeting Summary approved for posting.

• Town Hall Next Steps – VP Pilgrim did an excellent job as facilitator and moderator for the Town Hall on the racial climate at Ferris held last week. Council members will follow up on the information from the discussions to ensure the campus is a diverse, inclusive and equitable environment.

• Proposal for Forming the Campus Climate Team – VP Pilgrim shared an outline to assist in forming a Campus Climate team. The team would work to create and sustain a respectful and welcoming environment for students, faculty, and staff at the University. Council members provided feedback.

• Facility Master Plan – Guests from Neumann Smith shared background and the approach to developing the next Master Plan. Council members shared their thinking on concepts and ideas for this plan. Neumann Smith will be soliciting ideas from the campus community in December and early spring semester with the intent a final plan ready for approval in April.

• EAB Student Success and Equity Work – Guests from EAB gave a presentation on their Moonshot for Equity initiative to address diversity, equity, and inclusion challenges in higher education. They also presented an introduction to their student success tool, Navigate. Council members discussed how this could be beneficial to our campus.

• Board Meeting – Council members reviewed the agenda and action items for the upcoming Board meeting this month. Input on the topics for the working sessions was solicited. Materials for the meeting are due Monday December 7.

  o Round Robin
    VP Pilgrim – Readers’ Digest mentioned the Jim Crowe Museum in an article.
    VP Ward-Roof – Student Affairs enlisted the help of UA&M on video for the virtual Commencement Ceremony and they did excellent work. A final draft of the Ceremony should be done by the end of the week. They also worked together to have the alumni network mail diploma covers to each graduate.
President McCrackin – this Sunday, December 6 is the Kendall virtual open house.
VP Bachmeier – the hiring committee for Director of Public Safety will be conducting interviews next week, Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.
Provost Fleischman – currently working closely with the deans on re-enrollment. Also working with the deans and VP Bachmeier on storing COVID vaccines if needed. Dean Durst is working on partnerships with Walgreens for vaccines and clerkships for pharmacy students.
President Eisler – is working with Kevin Hughes from the health department on a working group for COVID-19 vaccine storage and distribution. In addition to subzero freezers, large indoor spaces where the vaccine can be administered may also be needed. He encouraged council members to read the HLC report which is very positive. He also thanked for their excellent work.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 pm

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