

# Ferris State University

## President's Council Meeting Summary December 13, 2017 9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

### Attendance:

Cook, Eisler, Percy, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Ward-Roof

### Agenda Items:

- The summary from November 29, 2017 PC meeting was approved for posting.
- Board of Trustees  
Council members did a final review of the itinerary and agendas for the Board of Trustee meetings to be held on December 15.
- Honorary Doctorate Candidates  
Council members reviewed and discussed potential candidates for the May 2018 Commencement ceremonies. An agreement was reached as to which candidates will go forward for consideration by the Board of Trustees.
- Strategic Planning  
Council members reviewed the itinerary for Dr. Cormier's visit to campus on December 15th. Dr. Cormier will be meeting with three different constituent groups in addition to hearing from the Board of Trustees.
- Distinguished Staff Committee  
Council members made recommendations for two new committee members to replace those members whose term of service has expired.
- Cost Containment Initiatives  
Council members discussed whether or not to continue compiling the Cost Containment Initiatives report that is no longer requested by the State. The decision was made not to complete it this year.
- Enrollment and Budget  
VP Ward-Roof provided an update on the latest enrollment numbers for Spring Semester.
- Housing  
VP Scoby shared some updates and comparisons to aid in planning for future housing.
- Space Utilization Study Scope and Timing  
Per recommendation of the consultant that was on campus last fall, the council members reviewed a proposal from VP Scoby for undertaking a space utilization

study of University administrative, academic and selected other spaces on the Big Rapids campus.

- **2018 Mileage Rate**  
It is anticipated that the current IRS mileage rate will be changing January 1. VP Scoby brought forth a recommendation that Finance staff be authorized to implement the IRS rate without bringing it to President's Council as long as it remains flat or goes down or as long as the increase is 3.0% or less. PC supported the recommendation with the understanding that there would be prior communication with the campus.
- **Mobile Application Privacy Policy**  
VP Scoby explained that the proposed policy for Ferris GO (Application) for mobile devices created by Ferris State University, documents current practices and discloses what we are currently doing and not doing pertaining to mobile applications. Council members discussed and were in support of the proposed policy.
- **Round Robin**
  - **President Bellavance** UICA opened free admission to all FSU students. Also, UICA is hosting faculty/staff show in March.
  - **VP Ward-Roof** Provided latest enrollment numbers for Council member packets. Extended thank you to all for supporting the United Way 2017 campaign.
  - **VP Percy** Bob Murray is working with VP Pilgrim on an in-kind gift. VP Pilgrim will elaborate.
  - **VP Pilgrim.** An anonymous donor has purchased three collections from David Levinthal, a famous photographer. Parts of the collections will be donated to the Jim Crowe Museum. The donation includes some 130 originals, all autographed, and is quite a wonderful acquisition for the Museum.
  - **VP Postema** has made an edit to the FOIA policy (pg. 3) and will post to the web for 30 days before it becomes finalized.
  - **President Eisler** Please enjoy your Holiday Break.

**Next meeting date:**

January 3, Regular meeting, 9:00 am, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 12:07 pm

Submitted by Terri S. Cook