

**President's Council**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**January 6, 2015**  
**8:30 a.m., CSS 301C**

**Attendance:** Armstrong, Blake, Eisler, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Ward-Roof;  
Evans (by phone)

**Agenda:**

- The summary from the December 3, 2014 PC meeting was approved for posting.
- Board of Trustees  
Council members discussed topics for the Board of Trustees working session agenda and itinerary for the February meetings.
- Honorary Doctorate Candidates  
Council members continued review of nominees; names will be finalized at the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- Master Plan – Draft 1  
VP Scoby provided Draft v.1 of the Master Plan document and facilitated discussion.
- Sexual Assault Task Force Recommendations – Progress Report  
VPs Scoby, Armstrong, and Ward-Roof began a progress report on the Sexual Assault Task Force recommendations. Updates will be completed at the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- Round Robin
  - VP Ward-Roof shared a Shutterfly book from Admissions; the Spring 2015 Enrollment report and Fall 2015 Applications report; and the dates of Jan. 16 (9pm-2am open house for students) and Feb. 19 (campus and community open house with 11am ribbon cutting and tours) as opening events for the new University Center.
  - Provost Blake thanked VPs for their good work with Peter Dams on the Divisional Strategic Plan template. There have been positive comments from Deans Council.
  - VP Armstrong announced the Jan. 17 and 24 emeriti/alumni events in Florida.
  - VP Scoby is pleased at athletics success this year and reminded of the University Center dining soft opening later this week.
  - VP Pilgrim reported that the Strategic Plan Measurements group will share metric information at a January 7, 2015 meeting. Mr. Henry Lewis Gates, Jr. has agreed to write the forward for the Jim Crow Museum coffee table book. He also encouraged VP attendance at Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King events: 10am in-service, 4pm march, and 7pm feature presentation in William Auditorium.
  - VP Postema requested assistance at the Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Friends of Ferris dinner/auction; it is an Italian theme and hoping for attendance of 300 with many varied auction items.

- President Eisler recommended combining the employee, donor and community holiday reception in Big Rapids, similar to the Grand Rapids reception for December 2015. He also suggested a change to the Commencement stage set-up by having representatives from the Board of Trustees and President's Council and inviting retiring faculty to their college ceremony to sit on stage. This will allow Trustees and VPs to attend other Ferris ceremonies. The president will email updates to Council members on capital outlay, expectations and carry forward in the next few days; he then provided updates on the Provost and KCAD President interview schedules. The President will be traveling a great deal in January; Provost Blake will serve as acting.

**Next meeting date:**

Jan. 21, 2015, 8:00-10:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner