

**President's Council
Meeting Summary
January 18, 2012
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C**

Attendance:

Armstrong, Burcham, Davison-Wilson, Eisler, Erickson, Evans, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby

Action Item:

- The summary from the January 4, 2012 PC meeting was approved for posting.

Topic/Discussion Items:

- Legislative
President Eisler reminded members that the Governor's State of the State Address is this evening.
- Planning/Controlling Costs
Guest: Sally DePew
President Eisler presented slides and handouts to initiate discussion of revenue, expenses, student loan debt (tuition, room and board, books, program costs, internships, extra semesters), and financial support for students. Alternative options, change management and perceptions were discussed. This information will be shared with the Board of Trustees at the Jan. 19th working session and will be provided as an open forum to the university community in the near future. We share concern for students and their costs and must get that message out.
- Board of Trustees: January 19 working session
Guests: Sally DePew and Karen Obermier
Council members reviewed topics to be shared with the Board of Trustees at the January 19th working session.
- Health Forums - framework
VP Scoby distributed a draft framework for the upcoming Health Care Forums. The university community will be invited to attend the panel of national consultants and insurance providers.
- Higher Learning Commission Report - update/forums
President Eisler met on January 6th with HLC President Sylvia Manning and others in Chicago regarding the HLC Team Report.

To discuss the report and seek feedback on the report, including the Kendall/Ferris relationship, forums were held at Kendall (January 10th) and Ferris (January 17th at the SPARC meeting). There were no concerns expressed on the relationship, but there were comments regarding how the team could have reached this finding. Much of the recommendations by the team have already been addressed. Ferris is already a far different institution than represented in the Self Study or that was visited by the review team. It is time to move on.

- Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting
VPs Scoby and Armstrong and others from Ferris will attend the January 27th annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

- Other
 - VP Burcham reported on the 4th day enrollment count.
 - Provost Erickson provided an update on the FNTFO and the Director of Grants and Academic Research position. He also reminded members of the Feb. 3 Pharmacy grand opening at 25 Michigan.
 - VP Pilgrim thanked members for providing their annual diversity reports. He reported good attendance at the Martin Luther King events. The Jim Crow Museum work continues and will be ready for the grand opening on April 26th; save the date cards have been mailed. VP Pilgrim is requesting divisional and personal information on what mentoring is being accomplished at Ferris.
 - VP Armstrong thanked members for their support in her new role. The division is moving forward and working on goals.
 - VP Scoby shared that there could be media coverage on some upcoming changes in Athletics. He reported that MDOT will be doing maintenance on Maple Street from June 11 - July 31 and then will close the bridge Aug. 17-20.
 - Pres. Evans shared the good news that he will be receiving American Advertising Federation Silver Medal Award at the Addy Awards on February 23rd.
 - VP Postema reminded of the Feb. 24th Friends of Ferris Dinner/Auction and March 15th Lansing Legislative Luncheon dates. He also provided ticket packets for members.
 - Mrs. Kamptner requested links to the divisional annual plan documents for updating the University annual plan Web site.

Next meeting dates:

Wednesday, February 1, 9am-noon, CSS 310C (regular meeting)

Meeting adjourned 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner