

**President's Council
Meeting Summary
January 19, 2011
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C**

Attendance: Burcham, Davison-Wilson, Eisler, Erickson, Green, Kamptner, Postema, Scoby, Willey

Action Item: The summaries from the December 15, 2010 and January 5, 2011 PC meetings were approved for posting.

Guest: Emeritus President Robert Ewigleben stopped in to greet the Council members. He shared that he hears good things about Ferris and is encouraged about the direction of the state and the legislature.

Discussion Items:

- Board of Trustees – Feb. 25 Committee Meetings
Council members provided agenda items and discussion topics for the upcoming meetings.
- Draft Grants Procedures Business Policy
VP Scoby presented a few changes to the Grant Procedures business policy for Council review. Members discussed the potential change to an increased grant threshold to be taken to the Board of Trustees for approval. Other changes included removing the vice chancellor language. VP Scoby and Provost Erickson will review and return with the policy to Council.
- Draft Interfunds Transfers Policy
VP Scoby had earlier emailed members a draft Interfund Transfers business policy with minor revisions. Council approved the policy with changes.
- Wellness Task Force
VP Scoby distributed a proposed plan for the University Wellness Task Force, including membership, meeting times, task force charge, and a FSU Wellness Program. VPs Scoby and Burcham will continue working on a recommendation and will return to the President as timing is critical.
- University Center
VP Burcham shared a draft membership/constituency group list for the University Center visioning committee. Council members believe the group should be broad thinking and innovative. The charge to the group will be delivered by President Eisler to include the goal of conceptualizing what is possible for a University Center to be used by all students, the community, etc. Stakeholder meetings will need to be set to gather input for the committee to consider as they think up to ten years in the future. VPs Scoby and Burcham will talk through options and return a recommended membership list to Council.
- Student Wage Funds
VP Burcham provided an update on the current requests for the additional student wage funding.

- Enrollment
VP Burcham provided Spring 2011 Headcount and SCH data. He stated that there are more students whom we have accepted through the Great Lakes Scholarship.

- Diversity and Inclusion Office
President Eisler led discussion of the “Recruitment and Retention of a Diverse Faculty and Staff Taskforce Report.” Recommendations in the draft report include:
 - 1) Create a campaign to market the University as a place that is welcoming to members of underrepresented groups.
 - 2) Aggressively recruit diverse persons before they finish graduate and professional schools.
 - 3) A set of “Best Practices” for conducting inclusive searches should be identified and implemented.
 - 4) Create a holistic mentoring process for faculty and staff from racial and ethnic groups.Council members talked about how these recommendations would be implemented. Comments should be given directly to VP Pilgrim.

- Other
 - VP Davison gave an update on the Federal Building construction and bidding. They are on target for a March 2012 completion.
 - VP Postema offered tickets for personal purchase and an update on the Friends of Ferris Annual Dinner/Auction set for February 25, 6pm at the Holiday Inn. Members who wish to sell tickets may contact VP Postema for packets.
 - VP Burcham reminded Council that the pool will be closed during the summer. He and VP Scoby told members of the Student Government/Entertainment Unlimited plans for Snowcoming as a winter celebration set for February 14-19.
 - Provost Erickson shared an update on the Academic Organization Review; the committee has been set and they kick off the discussions with a retreat this Saturday. He also informed Council that a grant consultant is coming to observe where we are and where opportunities may exist for Ferris regarding a Grants Office.
 - President Eisler shared the meeting notes from the December administrative employee meetings.

Next meeting date: February 2, 9am-12pm, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner