

President's Council
Meeting Summary
January 21, 2014
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

Armstrong, Davison-Wilson, Eisler, Erickson, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Rosen, Salomonson and Scoby

Agenda:

- The summary from the December 4, 2013 PC meeting was approved for posting.

- Budget Reductions
Guest: Sally DePew
Enrollment for spring semester is better than would have been predicted by Fall 2013 enrollment. As a result divisional reductions will be .46% instead of the original 1.05%. Budget reductions should be identified by March 1st, but may be adjusted or revised through the end of June. VPs will have most plans completed by end of March and inform the President.

- Honorary Doctorate Nominations / May 2014 Commencement Schedule
Council members considered an additional candidate nomination, confirmed the two already recommended, and the President will meet with the nominees before forwarding to the Board of Trustees for approval.

The May 2014 Commencement schedule was approved as follows:

May 9, 3:30pm College of Health Professions

May 9, 7:00pm College of Arts & Sciences; College of Pharmacy; Doctorate in Community
College Leadership

May 10, 9:00am College of Engineering Technology

May 10, 12:30pm College of Business

May 10, 4:00pm College of Education & Human Services; Michigan College of Optometry

- Staff Center for Training & Development Proposal
VP Scoby provided a proposal describing the proposed Staff Center for Training and Development. PC members discussed options for locations and timeframe, and voiced strong support for the Center.

- Capital Project Management Fees Methodology
VP Scoby distributed a capital projects management fee model to assist in moving capital renovation projects to completion sooner using an outside contract project management firm. This approach was approved the Board of Trustees at their December meeting. Expectations are to hire this firm in February. PC members support the proposal.

- Donor Societies/Stewardship Enhancements
VP Armstrong shared the proposed donor society levels and benefits chart. The Donor Societies are designed to recognize people for their contributions and to encourage their continued engagement in the life of the University. The annual Donor Dinner is being reintroduced and is scheduled for May 3rd at Noto's in Grand Rapids. Donor level naming was discussed; a suggestion was made for an annual statement of donations; and PC members provided support for the levels.

- Commission for the Future Meetings
President Eisler reported on the plans for the Commission for the Future meetings to be held:
Jan. 28, UICA, Grand Rapids, 9am-3pm
Jan. 29, Mackinac Room, House Office Building, Lansing, 9am-3pm
Jan. 30, Holiday Inn, Big Rapids, 9am-3pm
The Ferris values and strategic areas of focus for the Strategic Plan will be discussed by attendees. There will be additional on-campus forums in February. The intent is to move toward approval on campus by mid-March and by the Board of Trustees in May.
- Health Insurance & Related Changes for July 1
VP Scoby shared health and wellness topics that are under review and evaluation; Human Relations office personnel are working with the campus-wide health and benefits committee to discuss selected topics and develop recommendations for later this semester.
- Full-Time Continuing Budgeted Positions
The President shared a report developed for the Board of Trustees which annually tracks the number of full-time continuing budgeted positions.
- Round Robin
 - VP Postema announced that HIPPA training is currently in process; reported on the Legal Milestone event to be held on Founders Day; and reminded Council members of the February 28th Friends of Ferris dinner/auction and the need for auction items and ticket sales.
 - VP Pilgrim shared that the Martin Luther King events went well and is pleased that the MLK Social Justice Award was presented to Gloria Barnett.
 - President Rosen announced the Feb. 22, 7pm Live Coverage/auction at UICA; he will become a member of the Downtown GR Inc Board; through a partnership with Kent Disabilities Advocates they are sponsoring a national Disabilities Art event in Spring 2015.
 - Provost Erickson reported that Dean Garrison is working on digital signage with the deans.
 - VP Davison-Wilson is pleased at the 1st phase of the space study at Kendall; this will flow into the master plan. Kendall is planning construction work on the 4th and 5th floors as well as the 1st floor space containing the retail store and proposed classroom area at the UICA. Work is underway on the signage.
 - VP Salomonson distributed sample diploma covers to be presented at Commencement to graduates. PC members provided feedback and approval.
 - EA Kamptner provided an update on the conference room video equipment.
 - President Eisler reviewed upcoming events, including the Feb. 27 Senate Appropriation Subcommittee on Higher Education hearing and the March hockey tournaments.

Next meeting dates:

- Feb. 5, 1024 – 9:00 am, Regular Meeting, CSS 301C
- Feb. 19, 2014 – 9:00 a.m., Topic Meeting (Enrollment), CSS 301C
- Mar. 5, 2014 – 9:00 a.m., Regular Meeting, CSS 301C
- Mar. 19, 2014 – 9:00 a.m., Topic Meeting (Student Debt), CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.
Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner