

# President's Council (PC) Meeting Summary

## January 31, 2007

### 9:00 a.m., CSS 301

Attendance: Burcham, Duffett, Eisler, Harris, Pilgrim, Postema; by phone: Davison, Evans, Green

Action Item: Summary from the January 17, 2007 meeting was approved for posting.

#### Discussions Items:

- Board of Trustees Committees Agenda  
Guest: Karen Paine  
The Board Finance Committee and the Board Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee agenda items were reviewed and discussed.
- Enrollment  
VP Burcham distributed data on Fall Semester 2007 enrollment statistics. He will provide an update on W.N.F. Scholarship acceptances at the next meeting.
- Banner Operations  
VP Duffett provided an update on the Banner Steering Committee.
- Diversity Office Progress Report  
CDO Pilgrim distributed draft documents regarding the work being accomplished in the new Diversity Office. He provided an update on the Diversity Planning Committee, the Diversity Plan, a working progress report and initial recommendations, then requested written communication from the vice presidents to their divisions in support of diversity and the Diversity Office and requesting participation from faculty and staff. VC Green requested that Grand Rapids be included early in the Diversity Plan process.
- Budget  
President Eisler initiated discussion on the state budget.
- Strategic Planning  
President Eisler reported that it is time to start the next cycle of planning that was presented in his October 2004 address. The first three 1-year cycles were based on task force planning. This next cycle will begin the process for a University strategic plan, using an approach for all members of the university to work together on this through a facilitator. The first step will be to assess the climate for strategic planning.
- Other  
VP Duffett reported that the three alumni events in Florida last week were very well attended. He mentioned that in speaking with alumni they are positive about the University, but must leave Michigan to find jobs; the contrast of the economy in other states is amazing. President Eisler mentioned that there are many ongoing national discussions about assessment and accountability. We need to be prepared to demonstrate the positive impact on student learning from the education we provide.

**Next meeting date:** February 21, 9:00-11:00am, CSS 301C

Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner