

Ferris State University
President's Council
Meeting Summary
February 3, 2016
8:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

Blake, Eisler, Kamptner, Percy, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Ward-Roof

Agenda Items:

- The summary from the January 20, 2016 PC meeting was approved for posting. A subgroup was established to review Employee Service Award presentations.
- Board of Trustees
Council members reviewed topics and itinerary for the Board of Trustees February 12th meetings in Big Rapids.
- Administrative Merit 2016
VP Scoby continued discussion and provided a recommendation for administrative and administrative support merit pay. Council members approved implementing the revised program and training as soon as possible with an effective merit pay date of July 1, 2016.
- Moving Allowance Policy
VP Scoby distributed a mini-survey of Michigan public universities regarding moving allowance information. Council discussed increasing the allowance for full time administrators, support, faculty and temporary employees. Subsequently approved.
- North Campus Discussion
VP Scoby provided potential planning challenges for a north campus residence hall site/location. Council members discussed options. This will be returned for further discussion.
- Student Accounts Receivables Write-Off Policy
VP Scoby distributed a revised Student Accounts Receivables Write-Off Policy. Changes include updated department names and removed procedures from the policy. Council members approved the policy.
- Student Fee Policy
VP Scoby distributed a revised Student Fee Policy with updated department names in the policy. Council members approved the policy.
- 82 Ionia Update
President Eisler and VP Scoby provided an update on potential uses and costs/revenue of the 82 Ionia building in Grand Rapids.
- Leadership Council

Council members discussed topic presentations for upcoming Leadership Council meetings:

February 8 – VP Pilgrim with the Diversity and Inclusion Plan

April 4 – Provost Blake with the Literacy Project and VP Ward-Roof with the Strategic Enrollment Plan.

- **PC Topic Discussion**
Vice Presidents agreed on big topic conversations for upcoming President's Council meetings.
- **Family Weekend**
VP Ward-Roof reported that Family Weekend has been set for October 14-16, 2016. Parents/families will be invited back to campus to enjoy activities that weekend. President Eisler offered to welcome/present to guests, host a reception, or other ways to help support this effort.
- **Timme North Lobby Furniture**
VP Ward-Roof commented on the new furniture in the Timme lobby, starting at the north end; furniture will be added moving toward the south end.
- **Round Robin**
 - **VP Pearcy** reported that the telephone outreach contacts by the students callers has been very successful, reaching more than 100,000 alumni; there will be a thank you luncheon for them on Feb.15. The Ferris Foundation Merit Grant deadline is Feb. 26. A new OmniUpdate training website has been updated with training resources for Web editors across campus. Publication templates are available for those who do not require specialized documents from UAM designers.
 - **VP Postema** reminded Council members to sell tickets and request auction items for the February 19th Friends of Ferris event.
 - **VP Pilgrim** distributed "Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis" for reading and discussion.
 - **VP Scoby** reported that the Prakken remodeling is 90% complete. He offered tickets to the Mecosta County Chamber Taste of Mecosta on Feb. 23.
 - **Provost Blake** provided updates on the dean searches and HLC Steering Committee progress.
 - **VP Ward-Roof** distributed Fall 2016 Application data, SGA calendar and an article "Guns on Campus." She reported that students are receiving personalized letters from admissions, FAFSA forms are being completed, the Culture Survey video is out and more than 300 surveys have been completed, and the division is holding an indoor tailgate prior to the Feb. 12th hockey game.
 - **EA Kamptner** shared that the Executive Division web pages are being reviewed and updated to meet accessibility standards. The Ferris Pride Committee is working to expand into Grand Rapids.
 - **President Eisler** reminded members to reflect and embed the Diversity & Inclusion Plan in divisional strategic plans per the Diversity & Inclusion Gap Analysis and then send the revised plan for online posting (due prior to May). He encouraged attendance at Festival of the Arts events, appreciated the recognition of football and volleyball teams at the recent basketball game, and shared his upcoming travel schedule.

Approved Mar. 2, 2016

Next meeting date:

Feb. 17, 2016, 9:00am, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 11:00 am.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner