

**President's Council
Meeting Summary
February 15, 2010
8:30 a.m., CSS 301C**

Attendance: Burcham, Davison-Wilson, Eisler, Erickson, , Kamptner, Postema, Scoby, Willey; Evans by phone.

Action Item: The summary from the February 3rd PC meeting was approved for posting.

Discussion Items:

- Budget
Guest: Sally DePew
President Eisler shared highlights of Governor Granholm's FY2011 Executive Budget Recommendations of a balanced budget through new taxes and reduced spending, including additional federal stimulus funds. Council members continued strategic discussions of budget reduction options for the University.
- Strategic Planning Report
Guest: Sally DePew
President Eisler requested that vice presidents review the current summaries included in the November 2009 Strategic Planning report. At the Feb. 19th meeting, SPARC will discuss how often the report should be updated and presented. A recommended draft charge for the Ferris Futures group was reviewed; there will be further discussion with the SPARC group at the next meeting.
- BOT March 5th Committee Meetings
Guest: Sally DePew and Karen Obermier
President Eisler provided a draft agenda for the Board of Trustees March 5th committee meetings for review and discussion.
- Health Insurance Plan Design Changes
Guest: Sally DePew
VP Scoby supplied data on predicted employee health plan changes and cost options for FY 2011. The goal of Human Resources is to limit the cost of health care to employees. A decision regarding options should be made in March; a recommendation will be provided at the March 3rd meeting.
- Energy Task Force Recommendations
VP Scoby requested Council's approval of the proposed Energy Task Force Recommendations. While posted on the draft policy Web site, there were requests to assist the task force, but no comments regarding changes to the recommendations or report. Council approved.
- Emergency Tabletop - Next Steps
President Eisler and VP Scoby initiated discussion on the things learned from the Emergency Tabletop exercise and the next steps. The "take aways" or learning includes: providing support for victims and others, identifying one or more locations for the staging area, gaining help beyond campus, determining how to respond to multiple situations, and identifying the PC gathering point and who should gather. Vice Presidents will share the experience with direct reports to determine what an event could mean to the division. Council members will debrief at a PC meeting in May.

- Enrollment
VP Burcham distributed data on the Fall 2010 enrollment applications and admissions, as well as, current scholarship data.
- Other
VP Postema reminded Council members of the Friends of Ferris event on Feb. 26th.

Presentation:

- Critical Thinking Conference
Guests: Donna Smith and George Nagel
Faculty members Donna Smith and George Nagel explained the use of critical thinking in University learning communities, classrooms, the CT Institute and CT Consortium as a way to improve learning. They then shared information on their Development, Integration and Decision Making (DID) Conference in Critical Thinking on June 7-9, 2010, and requested that Council members share names of contacts who may be interested in attending. Names may be emailed to Donna or George.

Next meeting date: Monday, March 3, 2010, 8:30-Noon in CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 11:55am

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner