

**President's Council  
Meeting Summary  
February 15, 2012  
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C**

**Attendance:**

Armstrong, Burcham, Davison-Wilson (by phone), Eisler, Erickson, Evans, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby

**Action Item:**

- The summary from the February 1, 2012 PC meeting was approved for posting.

**Topic/Discussion Items:**

- Legislative/Budget  
President Eisler reported on his MPSERS meetings with Rep. Haveman and subsequent meeting with Rep. Moss. The request is for the state to pay the MPSERS unfunded liability and be responsible for future cost increases. The Governor has \$446,000 in his budget for MPSERS Universities.
- Controlling Costs/Forums  
Guest: Sally DePew  
The Student Debt open forums are set for February 15 and 16 on the Big Rapids campus. The President is also meeting with leadership groups from each division. The draft slides were presented for additional comments and discussion. The Student Debt Management handout will be distributed at the forums and participants will be asked to respond to the set of questions in the slideshow. Over the next 4-6 weeks, it is hoped that employees throughout the University will provide ideas to reduce student debt and time to degree. We must as a university put students ahead of the institution and think differently.
- Board of Trustees: Feb. 24/March 23 sessions  
Guest: Karen Obermier  
Council members reviewed topics to be shared with the Board of Trustees at the February 24<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee and Academic/Student Affairs Committee, as well as the special meeting. The Board will be meeting in the College of Pharmacy building. Members also discussed topics to bring to the Board at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- Energy and Water Use Policy  
VP Scoby distributed the Energy and Water Use Policy for review. Council members approved the policy.
- Social Media Policy  
VP Armstrong shared a draft Social Media Policy for Council evaluation. She will take the draft to Dean's Council as part of the continued review of the policy. This will return to a later Council meeting.

- Request for July 2013 Dental Clinic  
VP Scoby has been approached with a request for Ferris to host a dental clinic site. The goal of Mission of Mercy is to assist 2000 people.
- Other
  - VP Postema distributed the Hiring Process Exception 2011 Annual Report and responded to questions. He also reminded members of the Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> Friends of Ferris Dinner/Auction.
  - VP Armstrong reported that five Distinguished Alumni and two Pacesetter awardees for 2012 have been identified.
  - VP Burcham shared that admission numbers for fall look good.
  - VP Davison-Wilson is finalizing details on the Federal Building. May 1 is the soft opening as well as the Kendall Student Exhibit; the studio excellence display will be held in the Federal Building. There will be a gala to reopen the building in September before ArtPrize.
  - Provost Erickson reported that Karen Strasser starts her new position as Director of Grants today in Academic Affairs.
  - VP Green is pleased to be talking with Kendall regarding expanding international operations.
  - VP Pilgrim provided handouts on the Comparative Enrollment by Race/Ethnic Origin, Graduation Rates by Racial and Ethnic Backgrounds, Michigan's 2010 Workforce Data, and Ferris/Kendall Workforce data. He is preparing the annual diversity report and also reported on the itinerary for the April 25-26<sup>th</sup> Jim Crow Museum tours and opening.
  - President Eisler shared a timeline for Council planning regarding Strategic Planning:
    - May 14 - 1<sup>st</sup> Planning Day - full day
    - May 21 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Planning Day - full day
    - June 6 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Planning Day - if needed
  
    - May 16 - PC meeting
    - June 6 - PC meeting
    - July 10 - PC meeting
    - August 8 - PC meeting

**Next meeting dates:**

Wednesday, March 14, 10am-noon, CSS 310C (Note new date/time)  
Wednesday, April 4, 9am-Noon, CSS 301C  
Wednesday, April 18 (may cancel)  
Wednesday, May 2, 9am-Noon, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m.  
Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner