

**President's Council
Meeting Summary
February 18, 2015
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C**

Attendance: Armstrong, Eisler, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Scoby, Ward-Roof;
Blake (by phone), Evans (by phone), Postema (by phone)

- The summary from the February 4, 2015 PC meeting was approved for posting.
- Campus Engagement Projects
Council members developed a list of ten projects in which divisions are requesting feedback or campus engagement by the end of the semester. VPs will consider if some tasks could be delayed until Fall 2015.
- Board of Trustees
Guest: Karen Huisman
Council members discussed the Feb. 19-20 Board of Trustees itinerary.
- PCAFs: Masters of Health Administration and B.S. in Industrial Chemistry
Provost Blake presented two Preliminary Curriculum Approval Form proposals – Masters of Health Administration and B.S. in Industrial Chemistry. Council is supportive of moving the proposals forward.
- Hiring Exceptions
VP Postema provided the Hiring Process Exceptions 2014 Annual Report for review.
- Strategic Enrollment Plan
VP Ward-Roof reported on the process for the Strategic Enrollment Plan, and distributed a sample Plan and Key Performance Indicators developed at the February 9th meeting.
- Student Health 101
VP Ward-Roof presented the Student Health 101 website and described its relevance to students. The division is encouraging students to visit this site through posters, RSOs, housing, etc. in an attempt to educate students about health facts.
- Minimum Wage Increase January 1, 2016
VP Scoby brought a recommendation to Council members for the minimum wage increase effective January 1, 2016. Council supports a \$.35/hour to all student workers.
- Merit Pay
VP Scoby continued discussion of merit pay for administrative staff members. The Staff Center will begin training sessions for supervisors who perform evaluations. This will be a topic of additional discussion at the March 4th meeting.

- Helen Ferris Hall Site Design
VP Scoby presented site design options for the removal of Helen Ferris Hall.
- Liquor License policies and procedures
VP Scoby shared that the UICA has been approved for a liquor license by the State of Michigan. This will be for beer and wine, and used only for special events. Additional discussion centered on the 12 one-day licenses that Ferris can use per calendar year. VPs Scoby and Postema will consider options and bring back to Council.
- Electronic Payroll Improvements
VP Scoby proposed improvements to the payroll processes to reduce costs and modernize processes. Across the University, 78% of all employees already use direct deposit. While there is further investigation of options, a test group will be started.
- Round Robin
 - Provost Blake is pleased with the visioning for the Grandville project with Habitat for Humanity, Mercy Health and others to assist in meeting indigent health needs in that area.
 - VP Postema reminded members of the Feb. 20th Friends of Ferris and anticipates a large attendance and number of auction items donated.
 - VP Ward-Roof reminded members of the University Center Dedication on February 19th; members of the Masselink family will be in attendance. Financial Aid continues to assist students with financial literacy and has offered remaining Perkins funds to enrolled students. Michigan Student Affairs Officers have been informed of a public relations firm that will be visiting campuses to record student voices on the value of education. She then reminded members of the March 19th WILL Conference and Student Government Leadership events on March 3 and April 28.
 - VP Scoby announced the Chamber of Commerce Rise and Shine at 7:30 a.m. on Feb. 26th.
 - VP Armstrong requested attendance at the Feb. 23rd gift announcement, shared that the Student Alumni Gold Club hosted a student philanthropy day in which 500 thank you notes were written to donors, announced that the Call Center has received pledges totaling \$107,000 and that the faculty/staff fall campaign was successful.
 - VP Pilgrim thanked VP Armstrong for assistance on the Latino campaign, reminded that we need to have diversity on task forces/committees across the university, and announced the Feb. 26th Beyond Diversity: Minds Aflame event.
 - EA Kamptner reported on attending a Student Government meeting to listen to ideas to enhance Ferris Pride.
 - President Eisler shared sponsorship event opportunities.

Next meeting date:

March 4, 2015, 9 a.m. - Noon, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 12:06 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner