

President's Council (PC) Meeting Summary

February 28, 2007

9:00 a.m., CSS 301

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

Action Item: Summary from the January 31, 2007 meeting was approved for posting.

Discussions Items:

- Board of Trustees Agenda
The Board of Trustees meeting agenda for March 14 was reviewed.
- Friends of Ferris – follow-up
GC Postema reported that 260 tickets had been sold and \$27,600 was received through the auction. The Committee is looking at ways to continue to enhance this event.
- Ferris Summer University
AVP Cairns and CDO Pilgrim, committee members, reported on potential dates and themes for Ferris Summer University. Council members approved Wednesday-Friday (June 6-8); with Wednesday as Diversity day, Thursday as Health & Wellness day, and Friday as a half day followed by a picnic. The committee will move forward with planning and speakers.
- Enrollment
AVP Cairns distributed data on Fall Semester 2007 enrollment statistics and W.N.F. Scholarship acceptances.
- Banner Operations
VP Duffett reported that the committees are meeting and that the operational model is in place. Sungard is looking at a process to provide assistance when issues arise. Banner Live is up,. Survey results will be shared at Council.
- Traverse City Cherry Festival
VP Duffett requested opinions regarding Ferris' possible participation in the Traverse City Cherry Festival parade and events. The suggestion was to connect with UCEL in Traverse City and focus on Ferris being the largest 4-year degree provider in that area.
- Sending *Crimson & Gold* to Kendall Alumni
VP Duffett requested opinions as to whether to send the *Crimson & Gold* magazine to Kendall alumni. VC Evans felt that it should be sent especially now that KCAD alumni articles are being included in the magazine.
- Diversity Office Progress Report
CDO Pilgrim presented the new Diversity Office web site and provided an update on the Evolving Diversity Plan. He requested by March 14 from each Council member a letter, which would show their support of diversity, encourage employees to participate with the Diversity Office and initiatives, and what their office is doing to promote diversity. There was discussion concerning staff recruiting, mentoring, and the plan as a dialogue tool for campus.

- Health and Wellness Committee
President Eisler requested suggestions/approval of membership on a Health and Wellness Committee. Council agreed on the membership; the team will move forward.
- Honorary Doctorates
President Eisler initiated discussion on recently received nominations for honorary doctorates for the May 2007 Commencement. He will discuss the options with Board members before contacting candidates.
- Unit Action Planning
President Eisler mentioned that Council members should talk with him at one-on-one meetings if there are questions or issues with preparing unit action plans.
- Budget
President Eisler provided an update on the state budget and potential Capital Outlay based on discussions with legislators and staffers.
- Strategic Planning
President Eisler reminded the Council that Dr. David McFarland will be on campus March 12-14 to begin an environmental scan.
- Other
GC Postema reminded the Council of the March 27 Lansing Legislative Luncheon and that there will be a March 8 reception for Dan Hurley, who is leaving PCSUM. VP Duffett reported that weather forecasting is for ice in the coming two days; please be available for a potential class canceling decision. He also reported that the Ferris Foundation Benefit will be November 9, 2007 at the new JW Marriott in Grand Rapids with speaker Dick Vitale. AVP Cairns mentioned that Student Affairs is working on a new process for contacting parents/families when there are student health issues. VC Green reported on students creating a new video “game” for the MMO. CDO Pilgrim commented on the traveling exhibits and his recent speaking engagements.

Next meeting date: There will be no President’s Council meeting on March 7 or March 14.

Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner