

President's Council (PC) Meeting Summary
March 1, 2006
9:50 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance: Burcham, Davison, Duffett, Eisler, Green, Harris, Postema

Action Item: Summary from the Feb. 22, 2006 meeting was approved for posting.

Discussion Items:

- Portal Advisory Committee – Duffett
Guests: John Urbanick and Suzette Compton
John Urbanick provided background and an update of the Portal Advisory Committee and the Web Advisory Committee to Council members. Members will provide by email to Urbanick their recommendations for the Portal Advisory Committee membership. Members approved the suggested Committee responsibilities
- Confidential Data Agreement – Duffett/Postema
Guests: John Urbanick and Suzette Compton
GC Postema and John Urbanick provided an update and explanation of the need for an agreement for employees regarding confidential data and computer usage.
- Friends of Ferris Dinner/Auction – follow-up - Postema
GC Postema stated that the Friends of Ferris event raised \$31,000. He thanked Council members for their support and discussed improvements for next year.
- Sculpture Proposals - Harris
Council members reviewed proposals, including:
 - *Steel Sculpture - Technology:* VP Harris provided a proposal from the College of Technology for a cross-disciplinary steel teaching sculpture. VP Duffett, VP Harris, and Grounds Superintendent Kwant will review the site and recommend a location near the Granger building.
 - *Art Walk:* VP Harris provided a proposal from the Art Walk Committee for the next sculpture. After discussion the Council did not favor placing this on an exterior building wall. President Eisler will respond to Robert Barnum regarding the proposal and request a presentation on future Art Walk plans.
- Personnel Action Form (PAF) - Duffett
VP Duffett distributed information regarding the interim Personnel Action Form (PAF). VC Davison provided background and rationale for changing the paper PAF now, using new Banner terminology/coding and preparing staff for using electronic PAF when it “goes live” in six months. Training across campus has begun for Banner HR. The discussion also included current approaches to position approval and hiring decisions. Council members will meet over the summer to review the current hiring process and consider potential changes to this before the electronic approaches are re developed.

- Planning/Task Forces – Eisler
 - Discussion concerned the time allotted and schedule for Planning Presentations
 - March 30 - 8:30 am-Noon – Academic Affairs
 - Mar. 30 - 1:00-5:00 pm – Administration & Finance, University Advancement & Marketing, Student Affairs
 - Mar. 31 - 8:00-10:00 am Government Relations, Ferris State University - Grand Rapids

Council members reviewed task force recommendations, including:

- *Student Engagement*: VP Burcham distributed a graphic on student engagement and retention. We will continue to use the NSSE for assessing student engagement.
 - *Events Subcommittee*: VP Burcham provided a membership and charge recommendation for the events subcommittee which was supported by the Council. President Eisler will send a note to the individuals asking them to serve.
- Other: Council members provided information on additional topics, including updates on inclement weather procedures, College of Technology dean candidates, and the American Democracy Project.
 - Next meeting dates:
 - Wed., March 8: PC canceled
 - Wed., March 15: PC canceled
 - Wed., March 22: PC 9:00am-Noon, CSS 301C
 - Wed., March 29: PC canceled (House Higher Ed Appropriations Hearing, Lansing)

Adjourned at 11:50a.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner