

**President's Council Meeting Summary**  
**March 19, 2008**  
**8:30 a.m., CSS 301C**

**Attendance:** Burcham, Christner for Duffett, Davison, Eisler, Evans, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Teahen for Oldfield

**Action Item:** Summary from the February 27, 2008 meeting was approved for posting.

**Good News:** Council members announced good news items from their division/area.

**Discussions Items:**

- Leadership Council - follow-up  
Council members discussed topics from the March 5<sup>th</sup> Leadership Council meeting.
- Board of Trustees March 21 Meetings  
Council members discussed the March 21<sup>st</sup> agenda items and schedule.
- Student Wage Rates  
VP Burcham distributed a student wage proposal to implement the next increase in minimum wage from the Student Employment office. He will bring the proposed cost to the next meeting.
- Part-Time Clerical Hours for Fourth Quarter 2007  
AVP Christner distributed the report of the Part-Time Clerical Hours for Fourth Quarter 2007 for review.
- Provost Search  
President Eisler encouraged Council members to attend all events possible so that there is a full understanding of each candidate. He will meet with Council members after all candidates have visited.
- Diversity Office  
CDO Pilgrim updated the Council on ongoing diversity projects and provided possible demographic variables and data available from the Student Climate Survey.
- Enrollment  
VP Burcham distributed data on Fall 2008 application and orientation numbers.
- Budget/Planning  
President Eisler encouraged Council members to bring UAP requests to touch base meetings and to attend the March 28<sup>th</sup> SPARC meeting regarding initiatives for the six goals.
- Other
  - CDO Pilgrim thanked AVP Teahen for her work on the Governing Ideas task force.
  - GC Postema informed Council members that Pam Meadows has joined his office. He shared some information from a seminar in Lansing in which many from Ferris have attended regarding the Cleary Act, Emergency Response, and Campus Investigations. He is looking for a date to reschedule the Legislative Luncheon.

- VP Burcham noted the City Watch system seems to be working very well.
  - AVP Christner shared that the Moody's and Standard and Poor's visits went well.
  - VC Davison updated on bids for the 6<sup>th</sup> floor and the expected completion date for the work on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor at Kendall.
  - AVP Teahen provided an update on the HLC Steering Committee, the HLC Assessment Academy; Academic Affairs hosted a University from Japan on March 13<sup>th</sup>; applying for an NSF grant and putting together a concept paper; using our charter school system for partnerships; MCO dean candidates will be on campus in April.
  - President Eisler mentioned his visit with MSU President Simon regarding a possible partnership in their Grand Rapids facility for the Pharmacy program. He reported on the current situation with the higher education appropriations bill and updated the Council on his testimony regarding MPSERS and Capital Outlay. He then shared information about his upcoming Presidential assessment. As he completes his fifth year, he has requested this review by the Board of Trustees so that members of the campus may have input into the process. Dr. John Moore will be on campus for this purpose on April 8-10.
- 
- Agenda Items for the Next meeting: None. [For future: Expert on Juicy Gossip, Facebook, etc.]

**Meeting adjourned 11:00am.**

**Next meeting date:** The next PC meeting is scheduled for April 9.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner