

**President's Council  
Meeting Summary  
March 20, 2013  
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C**

**Attendance:**

Armstrong, Davison-Wilson, Eisler, Erickson, Flickinger, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, and Scoby

**Action Item:**

- The summary from the March 6, 2013 PC meeting was approved for posting.

**Topic/Discussion Items:**

- Health Insurance  
VP Scoby initiated discussion on health insurance; a Health Insurance Philosophy was reviewed and will be shared with the Health Care Committee. Council continued discussion on the strategic direction of health care and plan options. VP Scoby will continue working with the Health Care Committee.
- Equity Update  
Provost Erickson announced that faculty equity awards will soon be finalized. A subgroup of VP Scoby, Provost Erickson and VP Flickinger will return with concept options for equity/merit/timing.
- New Degrees and Concentrations  
Provost Erickson presented five new Preliminary Curriculum Approval Forms (PCAF): Community Counseling (Certificate), Medical Device Engineering Technology (BS), MISI (5-year option), Penetration Testing and Secure Software (BS), Positioning for Hydrographic Surveying (Certificate). Program names and target dates may be altered. All have Council support. Provost Erickson may develop a progression sheet to track progress.
- Strategic Plan  
Provost Erickson shared the Strategic Planning document dated March 19, 2013, and updated Council members on the listening session with the Strategic Planning and Resource Council (SPARC) on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Council provided feedback from that meeting and offered suggestions for upcoming sessions. The team will continue to communicate with campus using an open and transparent approach. President Eisler will include comments in an upcoming memo to encourage employees to read updates and view videos on the Strategic Plan website being developed.
- Budget  
President Eisler reported on the House Appropriations bill, which was voted out of committee yesterday. The Senate will take up appropriations after Spring Break. At this point last year's increase is budgeted as base funding and the performance metrics remain in place. Council will continue discussion on how increased funds may be used to benefit our students and help them graduate.

- Round Robin
  - VP Pilgrim will send the diversity annual report prior to the next meeting for edits and comments. He is pleased that there are many good diversity events happening at the University.
  - VP Green reported on a consortium relationship with the Nation of Libya and Michigan community colleges; this will bring international students to Ferris and export a degree program as a two-step process. Libya needs skilled workers as citizens and is looking to partner on this educational opportunity.
  - VP Flickinger distributed Summer and Fall 2013 application data and is celebrating the success of WNF Scholarship acceptances. Off-campus scholarships will be added to the overall numbers.
  - VP Scoby shared that the search for Associate Vice President for Finance has been launched. He also reported that there will be a table top exercise in May or June for PC, deans, IT, and others as appropriate.
  - VP Armstrong reported that three finalists have been on campus for the Associate Vice President for Advancement position; there have been two resignations from her division - Todd Jacobs and Leah Nixon; and she will be attending the Grand Rapids Chamber Awards this evening.
  - VP Davison announced that the May 6<sup>th</sup> Federal Building Gala event will be moved to another day to be announced very soon. The donor recognition signage and sculpture garden pieces will be in place for the event. A presentation of the 2013 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation for renovation of the Historic Federal Building is scheduled at the Capitol on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Kendall summer enrollment is down and they are looking at options to increase course offerings.
  - EA Kamptner reminded Council of the March 22<sup>nd</sup> retirement reception for VP Burcham and announced the May 17<sup>th</sup> evening ArtWorks Gala to be held at the ArtWorks building in Big Rapids.
  - President Eisler talked about the Governor's Economic Summit in Detroit earlier this week, which focused on aligning talent needs for the state with college graduates. The Governor's Education Summit is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>; he encouraged Council members to attend. There is much potential for Ferris to partner with industry to move undecided students toward placements by providing summer jobs, internships, and co-op opportunities. There are exciting developments in downtown Detroit; we need to be a part of the new growth and entrepreneurial efforts. Fulbright scholars Dan Ding and Greg Gogolin were announced.

**Next meeting date:**

Wednesday, April 3, 2013, 9am-Noon in CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 11:48 a.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner