

President's Council (PC) Meeting Summary

March 28, 2007

9:00 a.m., CSS 301

Attendance: Burcham, Duffett, Eisler, Harris, Pilgrim, Postema; by phone: Davison

Action Item: Summary from the February 28, 2007 meeting was approved for posting.

Discussions Items:

- Banner Operations
Guest: John Urbanick
John Urbanick distributed information on Banner Live! and provided updates on the Steering Committee and the Banner survey results.
- Computer Replacement Schedule
Guest: John Urbanick
John Urbanick provided the number of computer replacements for this summer and will supply specific divisional detail to Council members. Replacement computers will be ordered with Windows XP.
- Postal Rate Increase
VP Duffett provided information regarding the May 1st US Postal Service rate change to a formula for calculating postage cost to a weight, volume and shape standard. VP Duffett will return with additional details.
- Diversity Statement
CDO Pilgrim presented a recommended diversity statement to be used on all position postings. The intent is to emphasize the message that the University is committed to diversity and that we want applications from diverse populations. Council members heartily and unanimously approved the statement - "Ferris State University is sincerely committed to being a truly diverse institution and actively seeks applications from women, minorities and other underrepresented groups." The statement will be a stand alone statement listed under the position title and number. President Eisler affirmed that this statement will be used for all Ferris campuses, including Kendall, and that the statement will be added to all posting ads - in journals, newspapers, and on the Web.
- Pancakes with the President
President Eisler reminded Council members of the April 30th Pancakes with the President event for students - 11:00pm in Westview Dining.
- Enrollment
VP Burcham distributed updated fall enrollment statistics for review.
- Unit Action Planning
The Unit Action Plans will be online immediately following the presentations on March 29-30.
- Legislative Luncheon
GC Postema reported the great success of the Legislative Luncheon on March 27th in Lansing; over 33 legislators, 100 legislative staffers and department employees, and several association members attended.

- Budget
President Eisler provided an update on the state budget and the potential impact of the proposed delayed payment.
- Strategic Planning
President Eisler requested input on Dr. David McFarland's visit. Dr. McFarland will be returning to campus before the end of the semester.
- Other
CDO Pilgrim invited Council members to stop into the diversity conference on Saturday and requested an agenda item for the next meeting; VC Davison provided an update on the 5 Lyon housing in Grand Rapids; VP Duffett provided an update on Summer University planning and information on Facebook; VP Harris mentioned the success of the well-attended Spaghetti Bridge Competition last weekend.

Next meeting date: Leadership Council will be April 4th; the next PC is scheduled for April 11 at 9:00am.

Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner