

President's Council
Meeting Summary
April 3, 2013
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

Armstrong, Davison-Wilson, Eisler, Erickson, Flickinger, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Plas for Postema, Rosen and Scoby

Action Item:

- The summary from the March 20, 2013 PC meeting was approved for posting.

Topic/Discussion Items:

- **New Degrees and Concentrations**
Provost Erickson presented a new Preliminary Curriculum Approval Form (PCAF) for a Master of Social Work (MSW). This degree addition would assist social work students as many entry positions require a master's degree. The provost and president will work on a financial model for evaluating this and future new degree proposals that require significant additional resources.
- **Diversity at Ferris 2012 Report**
VP Pilgrim distributed and led discussion on the *Diversity at Ferris 2012* annual report highlights, as well as progress, challenges, assessments and recommendations on each goal. Council discussed each topic and will return to some items (graduation gap/retention, financial assistance for last semester, etc.) for a more thorough discussion. Council members will share the report with their administrative teams. VP Pilgrim will present to the Board of Trustees.
- **Distinguished Staff and Team Awards**
President Eisler shared the recommended names from the Distinguished Staff and Team Committee for these awards.
- **Budget**
President Eisler reported on current budget discussions in Lansing. Council will continue discussion at the April 17th meeting on how best to put increased funds to work to benefit our students and help them graduate. There will be additional conversation on student debt this spring.
- **Expectations 2013-2014**
President Eisler requested that Council members consider last year's expectations and offer recommendations as to 2013-2014 expectations. He will share a final version with Council and campus after a discussion with the Board of Trustees.
- **Round Robin**
 - EA Kamptner reminded Council of the April 24th Employee Service Awards and changes to the event.
 - VP Scoby thanked Council for comments on the Sexual Assault Policy update; it will soon be posted for comments. He shared that options for payment plans via Touch Net have been approved.

- VP Armstrong reported that UA&M is preparing for the Spring Annual Appeal; the Alumni Reunion Dinner is May 9; mentioned several events throughout the summer; and reminded that feedback on the Development policy is needed by mid-April.
- VP Davison announced that the Federal Building Gala event has been moved to June 18; they are finalizing the donor signage and invitation mailing list.
- VP Flickinger distributed Summer and Fall 2013 application and enrollment data. All responsibilities due to divisional retirements have been reassigned, and he will provide a list to Council. Student Government elections are complete; Erin Williams is the new President. The Big Event is April 13 with nearly 2,000 volunteers and 280 houses registered.
- President Rosen reminded members of the May 7th student exhibit throughout Kendall and the Federal Building. He shared the strategic planning session at Kendall, which included community stakeholders, and the good information gleaned from it. KCAD is bringing together an exhibit of art from China Fine Art high school and Michigan Fine Art high school students; the date will be announced later. Kendall would like to build a technical degree in collaboration with the College of Engineering Technology around the 3-D scan and print opportunity.
- VP Pilgrim reported that Ferris was well-represented at the Hispanic Chamber event and our efforts are appreciated.
- Provost Erickson shared that there have been six listening sessions on the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Planning website is online and video has been completed. The new Dean of Michigan College of Optometry started March 28.
- Attorney Plas reported that Susan Cook has been hired and is pleased that the Equal Opportunity office is now fully staffed.
- President Eisler requested a one page summary of divisional extraordinary successes be provided by April 17th. He appreciates the good news provided monthly and reminded Council of upcoming April and May events.

Next meeting date:

Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 9am-Noon in CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 11:18 a.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner