

President's Council
Meeting Summary
April 4, 2012
10:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

Armstrong (by phone), Burcham, Davison-Wilson (by phone), Eisler, Erickson, Evans (by phone), Kamptner, Pilgrim (by phone), Scoby

Action Item:

- The summary from the March 14, 2012 PC meeting was approved for posting.

Topic/Discussion Items:

- Legislative/Budget
President Eisler reported on the Budget recommendations from the Governor, Senate and House, including the MPSERS amendment.
- Board of Trustees: March 28 Board Meeting/Working Session Follow-up
President Eisler provided an update on the Board Working Session topics of tuition rates, the state budget and performance funding.
- University Plan for IT
Vice President Scoby presented the most recent "University Plan for IT: 2012-15" draft dated March 30, 2012. Council members will share this draft with their divisions and provide comments/concerns regarding priorities to VP Scoby prior to the April 18th meeting. A funding plan will be developed at a later date.
- Health Insurance Changes
Vice President Scoby offered an initial discussion of health insurance benefits. There will be further discussion at the April 18 and May 2 Council meetings.
- Credit Card Processing and Security Policy
Vice President Scoby distributed an updated draft business policy, Credit Card Processing and Security Policy, for review and discussion. Council members approved the policy.
- Wellness Plan implementation questions
Vice President Scoby shared implementation questions and recommendations regarding the wellness program. Council members approved his recommendations.
- Jim Crow Museum Opening
VP Pilgrim reported that the opening ceremony of the Jim Crow Museum will be held as scheduled and shared the itinerary for April 25-26.
- Federal Building Opening
VP Davison-Wilson provided details on the soft opening of the Federal Building on Tuesday, May 1 at 4 p.m. on the front steps of the facility. Mayors Logie and Heartwell will be in attendance. Invitations will be sent soon.
- Other

- VP Pilgrim has been working with the Associated Press on a Museum video story. He will be speaking at the Mark Twain House in Connecticut next week. President Eisler commended him on the good report to the Board of Trustees.
- VP Davison-Wilson congratulated VP Pilgrim on the progress and opening of the Museum.
- VP Armstrong, calling in from the Frozen Four in Tampa, shared the excitement and press coverage of the hockey team.
- VP Scoby thanked the many divisions that have and are supporting the hockey team, from assisting with marketing to bus cost to Pep Band funds.
- VP Burcham noted that summer enrollment is down and believes the lack of Pell grant support is one contributor.
- Provost/VP Erickson indicated the dean searches are coming to a close. Summer loads will be a conversation topic over the coming months. He also shared that many meetings are ongoing regarding the Latino initiative.
- Mrs. Kamptner expressed appreciation for assistance from Mike McKay on the City Watch system and shared updates on calendar items.
- President Eisler is pleased that conversations continue about student debt and employees seem to be aware of the issue. He reminded Council of The BIG Event on April 14.

Next meeting date:

Wednesday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, CSS 310C (regular meeting)

Meeting adjourned 10:10 a.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner