

President's Council
Meeting Summary
April 21, 2010
8:30 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance: Burcham, Eisler, Flickinger for Erickson, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Willey

Action Item: The summary from the April 7th PC meeting was approved for posting.

Discussion Items:

- Lansing Update and Budget Issues
Guest: Sally DePew
 - President Eisler shared updates from Lansing regarding state budget discussions. Council members continued strategic discussions and budget/tuition developments for the University.
 - Vice Presidents reported on outcomes of the Early Retirement Incentive decisions.
 - Council members discussed Emeriti requests, qualifications and benefits. A subgroup of Burcham, Scoby, Flickinger, Willey and Kamptner will gather information and provide a recommendation for future responses.

- Calendar issues
President Eisler provided calendar and itinerary information on April 21-22 (125th Anniversary concert, Presidential visits and symposium, Community Dinner) and May 6-8 (Alumni Reunion, Board of Trustee, sculpture dedication, Hooding and Commencement ceremonies).

- Summer Plans and Schedules
Council members agreed to hold the following days for summer meetings:
All day - May 20 and 25; June 7 and 16; August 18
Morning - July 13, August 4

- SPARC
President Eisler reported that SPARC Chair Johnson has requested from committee members their availability for a retreat in June and best meeting days for Fall Semester. The future subgroup will be discussed at the April 23rd SPARC meeting.

- Pedestrian Safety Task Force Report - recommendation approval
VP Scoby distributed a copy of the Pedestrian Safety Task Force report recommendation and costs. Council provided approval to begin work on the changes; many of the recommendations will be done this year; #3, 10, and 23 next year; and wait on #30 and 42 for MDOT responses.

- Negotiation update
VP Postema shared an update on the recent mediated sessions with the Ferris Faculty Association.

- Diversity and Inclusion Office
CDO Pilgrim distributed a revised brochure on the Ferris Orphan and Foster Youth Initiative. He then provided a revised membership for the Task Force on the Recruitment and Retention of a Diverse Faculty and Staff.

- Enrollment
VP Burcham distributed data on the Fall 2010 enrollment applications and credit hour numbers.
- FBI request
The subgroup reviewed options with faculty member Greg Gogolin and CTO John Urbanick regarding the FBI monitoring activity on an IP address involved in a security situation. VP Scoby's recommendation is to not participate. Council members agreed.
- Other
AVP Flickinger provided an update to the April 22 itinerary and shared that the Dean/Department Head group met yesterday. CDO Pilgrim is pleased with the recent Global Initiative speaker and the welcoming attitude of the students. President Eisler shared that the Presidential Symposium on the 22nd will be an important event in the history of Ferris with four of the former presidents in attendance.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 8:30-Noon in CSS 301C.

Meeting adjourned 11:00pm

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner