

President's Council (PC) Meeting Summary

April 25, 2007

9:00 a.m., CSS 301

Attendance: Burcham, Davison, Duffett, Eisler, Green, Klarecki for Harris, Pilgrim, Postema;
by phone: Evans

Action Item: Summary from the April 11, 2007 meeting was approved for posting.

Discussions Items:

- Evaluations/Merit/Equity for administrative employees
President Eisler reminded Council members that requests for merit or equity need to be presented to him during touch base meetings before May 25th. Administrative employee evaluations must be completed by June 30th.
- Computer Replacement Report and Schedule
Council members reviewed the computer replacement report from John Urbanick. Divisions are responsible for 50% of the funding.
- Michigan Higher Education Recruitment Consortium
VP Duffett explained the purpose of the Michigan Higher Education Recruitment Consortium. Council members agreed that the collaboration of higher education institutions in sharing advertising for faculty and staff positions using parallel job searches and regional opportunities, especially for dual career couples, would be an effective tool. Warren Hills will be our representative. President Eisler requested that community colleges be included in the Consortium.
- Equity Conference 2008
CDO Pilgrim presented an opportunity for Ferris State University to host the 18th Annual Equity in the Classroom Conference 2008. Council members agreed to commit to this project and discussed possible dates. Todd Stanislav and John Thorp have prepared a summary and have had an initial meeting with the Department of Labor and Economic Growth. The conference will be run through the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning.
- Diversity Office
CDO Pilgrim provided an update regarding the university Diversity Plan. He recommends that all divisions and colleges form a diversity planning committee by June 1 so that all employees can be brought in the diversity planning process. He will meet with the committees in June to discuss initial charges and help create a system of implementation.
CDO Pilgrim then presented a list of proposed sessions for the diversity day of Summer University.
- Enrollment
VP Burcham distributed updated fall enrollment statistics.
- Banner Operations
VP Duffett provided an update on Banner operations.
- Strategic Planning
President Eisler provided an update on the April 16 and 17 planning sessions with Dr. David McFarland. SPARC membership is being developed and will meet shortly after Commencement.

- Other

President Eisler proposed dates for Council to meet for a planning retreat and to further discuss Unit Action Plans; also proposed dates for Dr. McFarland to return regarding Strategic Planning. He thanked Council members and the campus community for their support and tenor during the Virginia Tech tragedy. VP Duffett shared information regarding health insurance coverage; there will be a presentation during next Wednesday's Leadership Council. VP Burcham mentioned the good turnout and excellent Student Government Gala event, where many student organizations participated. VC Davison provided an update on the fall housing for 5 Lyon. VC Evans invited all to attend the Kendall Student Exhibit on May 1 and reported that the students are sending a poster to Virginia Tech. CDO Pilgrim commented that he is willing to meet with any and all groups regarding the local diversity plans.

Next meeting date: The next PC is scheduled for May 9th at 9:00am.

Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner