

**President's Council**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**April 29, 2009**  
**8:30 a.m., CSS 301C**

**Attendance:** Burcham, Eisler, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby; Davison-Wilson by phone

**Action Item:** Summaries from the April 8<sup>th</sup> PC meeting, March 25<sup>th</sup> PC meeting and March 25<sup>th</sup> PC/DC meeting were approved for posting.

**Good News:** Council members announced good news items from their division/area.

**Discussion Items:**

- Board of Trustees – May 8 Meetings  
Guest: Karen Obermier  
Council members reviewed the agenda for the Board working session and special meeting, as well as the itinerary of events for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
- Summer University  
VP Scoby supplied a draft program for the June 8, 9 and 10 Summer University.
- 2009-2010 Self-Funded Health Rates  
VP Scoby mentioned that self-funded health rates will be increasing. He will bring the specifics to the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting for review.
- Corner of Perry & State Streets  
VP Scoby reported on the latest proposed concept drawing for the corner lot of Perry & State Streets. This model has incorporated suggestions and comments from Council members and others as well as a barrier that is required by the DEQ due to the former holding tanks. President Eisler tasked VP Scoby to work with the current committee, take elements from this concept, reduce the cost, phase in the project, and have something in the space by July 15. Other ideas discussed were to incorporate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by initiating a Helen Ferris Garden, selling bricks, having a work day, etc. The committee will engage the University community in conversations and participation in the fall.
- Diversity Office  
CDO Pilgrim shared information and collaboration efforts on the Fall 2009 Writing on the Wall project. He updated Council members on the Pig-Nic, TIP Honors, posting diversity good news online, and other initiatives. He then distributed copies of the six recommendations from the Diversity Plan for discussion. Members agreed to add a comment on the Performance Evaluation form for all supervisors and managers to notify that next year will begin evaluation of the following: “List activities the employee participated in or specific accomplishments that helped demonstrate a commitment to inclusion and the University’s Diversity Plan.”
- Enrollment  
VP Burcham shared Summer and Fall 2009 enrollment application data.

- Lansing/Budget - update  
President Eisler updated Council members on the most recent budget information coming from Lansing, including the expected Executive Order coming out May 5<sup>th</sup> and the newly released amount of \$1.3 billion budget shortfall. He will testify at the Senate Higher Education Appropriations Hearing on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

President Eisler reviewed the Ferris budget reduction discussions from the meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> with the Deans and President's Council. He will send an email to confirm some of the comments made at that meeting. The budget open forums held on Tuesday and Friday will review the FY '09 General Fund Allocation and chat about prioritization of the SPARC recommended budget reduction options.

- Planning / VP Priorities  
Guest: Sally DePew  
Vice presidents shared their divisional list of funding priorities, providing background and explanation of needs. Budget Director DePew gathered the data for compilation. The vice presidents will inform their divisions of approved items.
- Appraisal/Appraisal  
President Eisler distributed forms for each Council member to complete and will schedule two–three hour sessions in May or early June to discuss the completed documents.
- Other  
VP Scoby distributed the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter CTA Part-time Clerical Quarterly Report and started discussion on Underwater Endowments; he, VP Willey and VP Burcham will develop a plan to find a way to provide scholarships to the students planning on these endowment funds. President Eisler mentioned the summer PC schedule and asked members to protect those dates.

**Next meeting date:** May 20, 8:30-noon.

Meeting adjourned 2:20pm

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner