

**President's Council
Meeting Summary
May 2, 2012
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C**

Attendance:

Armstrong, Burcham, Davison-Wilson by phone, Eisler, Erickson, Evans by phone, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby

Action Item:

- The summary from the April 18, 2012 PC meeting was approved for posting.

Topic/Discussion Items:

- Student Debt
President Eisler continues to receive comments regarding student debt and is creating a draft synthesis that will be distributed to Council members after Commencement.
- Holiday Inn
VP Scoby provided an updated on the Holiday Inn; Suburban has backed away from the sale. A press release will go out this week to inform the community.
- Board of Trustees
There will be a special Board meeting on Friday, May 4, for the Board of Trustees to consider approving ratification of the FNTFO contract. Following will be a working session to discuss tuition rates for 2012-13.
- Legislative/Budget
Guest: Sally Depew, Budget Director
President Eisler reported on the House, Senate and Governor's budget recommendations; MPSERS (Senate 1040 bill); and the community college legislation currently in the Senate Education Committee.
- Health Insurance Changes
Guest: Sally Depew, Budget Director
Vice President Scoby returned to the discussion on health insurance benefits/changes.
- Administration Salary /Benefits
Council members reviewed contract increases for employee groups and accepted the sub-group recommendation on a salary and equity increase for the administrative group. VP Scoby will send the process used for the last equity for group review. Kendall will review this process and consider adoption.
- Jim Crow Museum Opening
VP Pilgrim is pleased at the success of the April 26th Jim Crow Museum opening and related events. There was a great deal of media attention (local, state, national and international) as well as hundreds of visitors to the Museum.

- **Federal Building Opening**
President Evans and VP Davison-Wilson shared their pleasure with the Federal Building renovation and successful opening on May 1. The opening ceremony, viewing of the remarkable student art exhibits and building tours were well attended. Many appreciated the introduction and attendance of David Rosen.

- **Enrollment**
VP Burcham distributed the Summer 2012 and Fall 2012 registration head count and credit hour numbers as well as the Fall 2012 application data. He will bring race/ethnicity data to a future meeting. VP Pilgrim recommended a sustained process to encourage students to complete the diversity information, informing that Ferris reviews the data for appropriate uses only; a possible slogan could be "Report Diversity."

- **Planning**
President Eisler reviewed the planning focus for upcoming sessions this May and June.

- **Other**
 - Pres. Evans shared that there are 268 graduates at Kendall with 227 walking in the ceremony on Saturday, May 5th. There will be a press release celebrating this largest number ever.
 - VP Davison-Wilson updated on the sewer line issue, which thankfully had been totally solved prior to the student exhibit/soft opening events.
 - VP Armstrong announced the many upcoming alumni events and the consultant visit, shared examples of current marketing pieces and the annual foundation report, and reported on reviewing donor society levels and acknowledgements.
 - VP Scoby told that some State Street banners/hardware will be replaced with updated materials by fall.
 - VP Burcham is reviewing the Health Center budget.
 - VP Pilgrim reminded that employment search committees need to meet with him. He announced that a grant has been approved from the Dept. of Human Services for a Life Skills Coach and programming expenses toward the Ferris Youth Initiative; one year renewable for three years. He also recommended emphasizing our "collaboration" core value over the next year as many of our recent accomplishments have only been realized through collaboration.
 - EA Kamptner reminded Council members of the Distinguished Staff/Team Luncheon on May 21 and this weekend's Commencement activities.

Next meeting date:

Wednesday, May 14, Planning Day #1

Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.
Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner