

Ferris State University
President's Council
Meeting Summary
May 17, 2016
2:00 p.m., IRC 109

Attendance:

Bellavance, Blake, Eisler, Kamptner, Percy, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Ward-Roof

Agenda Items:

- The summary from the May 4, 2016 PC meeting was approved for posting.
- Board of Trustees – May 6th Meetings
President Eisler reviewed with the Council the May 2017 Board of Trustee meetings.
- Hiring Process Exception proposal
VP Scoby distributed a revised draft Hiring Process Exceptions Policy. It was approved as revised.
- Internal Audit Input for 2016-17
VP Scoby presented the three-year plan for internal audit review. Vice Presidents requested specific area audits to be added.
- Recommendation on number of family housing units
VP Scoby offered recommendations on reducing family units to add more single apartments. Council approved the recommendation.
- Preliminary Results of Grad Survey
VP Ward-Roof provided the most recent results of the Graduate Exit Survey, including specific comments, for review and discussion.
- Refundable Fees
President Eisler initiated discussion on refundable fees – background, inconsistencies, course attributes for off-campus, exceptions, and recommendations from the Tuition and Student Fees Committee. There will be further research and discussion.
- Commencement Ceremonies - ideas
President Eisler presented graduation attendance data and suggestions for changes to the ceremonies. The Commencement Committee will meet with the Provost and Deans to review potential changes. We will work to recognize military graduates and veterans in the audience prior to the National Anthem and a page will be added to the program identifying honors, military, and other cords as appropriate.

- Round Robin
 - **Provost Blake** announced that two new deans have been hired and will begin July 1.
 - **VP Pilgrim** will be speaking at and attending national conferences over the coming weeks. He will try to get Ken Burns to the Jim Crow Museum.
 - **VP Scoby** provided more data on the impact of changes to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. He requested further discussion on the amount of administrative merit; this will be decided next week after review of the federal mandate impact.
 - **VP Ward-Roof** updated on the Dean of Student Life search and distributed fall enrollment data.
 - **President Eisler** requested the sub-group of VPs Ward-Roof, Scoby and Blake review student work study fund needs for fall and return with a recommendation. The May 26th teambuilding day has been postponed to August.

Next meeting date:

May 25, 2016, 8:30am, IRC 109 (Planning Day #2)

Meeting adjourned 4:00 pm.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner