

**President's Council**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**May 20, 2009**  
**8:30 a.m., CSS 301C**

**Attendance:** Burcham, Davison-Wilson, Eisler, Evans, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Willey

**Action Item:** Summaries from the April 29<sup>th</sup> PC meeting, March April 28<sup>th</sup> PC/DC meeting were approved for posting.

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

**Discussion Items:**

- 2009-2010 University Rate Schedule  
VP Scoby distributed a draft schedule for discussion. A revision to the travel policy is under consideration for near future; travel and expenses will be a June Council agenda item.
- Energy Conservation Task Force  
VP Scoby provided a draft list of names for membership of an Energy Conservation Task Force; several recommendations were made for inclusion.
- Corner of Perry & State Streets  
VP Scoby reported that the Perry & State Street corner project is moving forward quickly. He provided a list of elements and costs. July 15 is the anticipated completion date, with possible future enhancements.
- Compliance  
VP Postema and President Eisler discussed with Council members the need to begin an effort to track compliance requirements. There are many more new state and federal compliance issues, which affect a variety of departments and divisions. A Compliance Committee is proposed, including responsible individuals from a cross-section of areas. This group would discuss compliance requirements and share information so that Ferris continues to meet compliance and reporting functions. President Eisler requested that vice presidents continue this discussion at administrative councils and be prepared with a proposed membership for the Compliance Committee at the June Council meeting. VP Postema will initially lead this committee and provide vice presidents with current tools that are available. KCAD and CPTS should be included in this effort.
- Diversity Office  
CDO Pilgrim shared that he is working on best practices for recruiting a diverse population; the Conflict Resolution Committee will be a positive step for Ferris; the Bus Tour is underway; DAP is working in the Grand Rapids area with the Hispanic community; and he is enrolled in a summer Spanish class. The update to Board of Trustees regarding the Diversity Recommendations is in preparation. President Eisler mentioned that it is important to integrate diversity into the divisional Strategic Plans. Council members will review plans at the August Council meeting and have a more engaged discussion on the plans and the process.

- Enrollment  
VP Burcham shared Fall 2009 enrollment application and registration data.
- Board of Trustees – June 26/July 8 Meetings  
Guest: Karen Obermier  
Council members considered agenda items for the upcoming Board of Trustees June 26<sup>th</sup> working session, July 8<sup>th</sup> committee and full Board meetings, and August Retreat.
- Administrative Salary/Benefits  
VP Scoby distributed a spreadsheet on increased health care costs. President Eisler will draft a memo to the administrative group regarding a salary increase and health benefits.
- American Recover and Reinvestment Act  
Guest: Sally DePew  
President Eisler shared an update on the stimulus package and its impact, and then requested input on our ability to look at and apply for grants available within the package. He will talk with John Byington for assistance on what Ferris may reasonably be eligible for and with what partners may best assist us. Given the continued declines in state revenue, this may be the only avenue for the University to receive federal stimulus funds.
- Lansing/Budget – update  
Guest: Sally DePew  
President Eisler updated Council members on the most recent budget expectations coming from Lansing, including the May 15 revenue estimating conference. Florida has requested and received a waiver to the 2006 floor funding requirement to receive stimulus funds for higher education; there is no indication yet that Michigan has made a waiver request. A waiver could likely double the budget reduction proposed for higher education and for Ferris. During the summer, Council will continue its discussions of further budget reductions.
- Other  
VP Willey mentioned July 9 or 14 as possible dates for an event at Van Andel Institute for Pharmacy. President Eisler requested efficiencies reports.

**Next meeting date:** June 17, 8:30-noon.

Meeting adjourned 12:05pm

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner