

President's Council
Meeting Summary
July 6, 2011
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

Burcham, Davison-Wilson, Eisler, Erickson, Evans, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Willey

Action Item:

- The summary from the June 14, 2011 PC meeting was amended and approved for posting.

Discussion Items:

- Legislative/Budget Updates
President Eisler shared that the Governor has signed the state budget. The Ferris FY '12 budget is prepared and balanced.
- Board of Trustees
Council members reviewed and discussed agenda items for the July 13th committee, annual and regular Board meetings.
- SPARC
Discussion centered on the progress report on the strategic plan during the past year. Council members will send comments to complete the *PC 2010-2011 Report to SPARC* by Friday, July 8, at noon. The Report will be emailed to SPARC members prior to the July 12 Retreat.

Guest: Leonard Johnson, SPARC Chair

- Dr. Johnson presented the July 12 SPARC Retreat agenda:
 - 8:30 am Continental Breakfast
 - 9:00 am Ferris Challenges/Opportunities discussion
 - 10:30 am Ferris First presentation:
 - Academic Incubator, Entrepreneurial Institute, Global Institute
 - 12:00 pm Lunch Buffet
 - 1:00 pm Strategic Plan discussion
 - 2:45 pm Topics for 2011-2012 Meetings
 - 4:00 pm Adjourn
- Dr. Johnson shared that proposed changes to the Strategic Plan and to the SPARC membership would be addressed and voted on at the first fall meeting.
- Concur Automated Travel & Expense Process
VP Scoby spoke of generally positive feedback received following the Concur demonstrations in June and initiated discussion with Council members. There is a three year minimum contract for this program. Members reviewed value/savings, training, streamlining processes, convenience, analysis/reporting features, travel agent assistance, options, etc., and then approved to begin the system. International travel will be among the first users as a pilot group, and then phase in throughout the University. A&F will fund the start-up costs and pay the annual fee; Academic Affairs will fund additional fees for a weekly or bi-weekly reimbursement rather than monthly.

- UA&M - updates
VP Willey distributed a handout entitled UA&M Briefing Discussion, a chart of Higher Education Comparative Giving, an article on strategies for fund raising, and a chart of Ferris Comparative Giving FY2005-FY2011. He requested that Council members consider the priority list and alignment of actions and steps for further discussion at an August Council meeting.
- Enrollment
VP Burcham distributed and commented on positive Fall 2011 registration data.
- Other
VP Pilgrim is pleased that 90 youth attended the Michigan Teen Conference, which may be held at Ferris again next year; the designer for the Jim Crow Museum has been decided; and the Diverse Workforce recommendations are being implemented. VP Postema updated Council members regarding the FNTFO negotiations. Provost Erickson reported that the dean searches for FLITE and Pharmacy are beginning. VP Davison-Wilson provided an update on the Federal Building construction. VP Green shared that he will be meeting with the State Police Commander regarding partnering to host crime labs for digital forensics. VP Scoby told that 25 Michigan is coming along nicely. Mrs. Kamptner reminded members of the Michigan Public State Universities Executive Assistants Conference being hosted at Ferris next week. President Eisler commented on the Kendall presidential search progress.

Next meeting dates:

- Monday, August 8, 9am-Noon, CSS 310C (regular meeting)
- Wednesday, August 17, 9am-Noon, CSS 310C (regular meeting)
- Wednesday, August 31, 9am-11am, CSS 310C (regular meeting)
- Wednesday, September 21, 9am-Noon, CSS 310C (regular meeting)

Meeting adjourned 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner