

President's Council (PC) Meeting Summary

July 22, 2005

8:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance: Burcham, Davison, Duffett, Eisler, Harris, Postema

Action Item: Summary from the June 15, 2005 meeting was approved for posting with one adjustment.

Discussion Items:

- Progress on Six Overarching Goals - Eisler
Updates on the six goals were presented: The faculty/staff replacement computers have been ordered and are being installed. The wireless devices are being installed. The communication/image campaign will be presented at the Board of Trustee Retreat and will be ready to launch for fall. The classroom renovation is moving forward; President Eisler will go on a walk-through in the next two weeks. The NSSE survey results regarding student engagement will be in by mid-August for review.
- Planning - Eisler
A tuition increase comparison sheet for the 15 state universities was distributed.
- CTA Contract Update - Duffett
VP Duffett presented an overview of differences in the newly negotiated contract.
- KCAD Tuition - Duffett
VP Duffett, VC Davison and Director DePew will work on costing and language regarding Ferris employee credits versus dollars for those taking Kendall classes.
- Holiday Shutdown Days: 2005-2010 - Eisler
The December/January holiday shutdowns for the next five years have been approved based on the recommendation of Labor Relations/General Counsel. Dates will be announced to campus in an upcoming memorandum from the President.
- Phone Directory - Eisler
There was general agreement that a printed telephone directory is widely used. An online directory will be considered as an option to the printed version.
- CTA Luncheon - Eisler
There has been a request that the President's Council members attend the annual CTA luncheon. All agreed this would be an excellent idea, the administration will pay for the lunch and President Eisler would like to add a contract signing to the event.
- FSU Alumni at Detroit Lions - Duffett
There will be an alumni event on August 20 at the Lions stadium prior to the game; VPs are encouraged to attend this great event.

- BOT Retreat – Eisler
The Board of Trustees Retreat will be held August 18-20. There will be presentations from Pace & Partners on messaging/identity, housing/dining, facilities audit, admissions standards, and dashboard reports. Information must be given to Karen Paine by August 5 for distribution to the Board.
- Planning – Eisler
President Eisler will host meetings with faculty in the fall and with staff and students in the spring to begin discussion on values. Five new task force groups will be announced on September 1st as part of the Founders' Day speech. Each group will again have a 2-month deadline, with the exception of one which may need additional time. It will be important to keep last year's 6 goals in mind and continue the expectation that Ferris will use the recommendations from the task forces. The President expects to begin an external piece as well to discuss the future of Ferris State University from many perspectives. There will be a 2-day Council Retreat in September to continue discussion on planning.
- Other
Updates provided by members, including providing thanks to the enrollment, recruitment, and orientation employees for their good work.

Next PC Meeting date: July 20, 2005

Adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner