

**President's Council
Meeting Summary
August 4, 2010
8:30 a.m., CSS 301C**

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

Action Item: The summary from the July 13th PC meeting was approved for posting.

Discussion Items:

- **Budget / Lansing**
President Eisler shared updates from Lansing. Council members discussed the August 3rd primary results and opportunities for Ferris.
- **Board of Trustees**
President Eisler confirmed the September 13th Board of Trustee working session, annual meeting and Federal Building announcement in Grand Rapids. He also confirmed a Board working session in Big Rapids on September 14th. VP Davison provided an update on the approvals, plans and discussions regarding the Federal Building. Council members reviewed the list of follow-up items from the July Board meetings.
- **Planning / SPARC**
At the August 18th Council meeting, VPs will report results from their summer divisional planning retreats. SPARC Chair Leonard Johnson will be invited to that meeting.
- **Summer University 2010 Feedback**
VP Scoby provided a summary of survey comments from employees who attended the 2010 Summer University. Council members discussed ideas for format, content, and function regarding Summer University or similar session(s). A sub-group of Jerry Scoby (chair), Fritz Erickson, David Pilgrim and Elaine Kamptner will review past SU materials and develop a recommendation to Council.
- **211 Service**
VP Scoby has been contacted by the six county area 211 Service, a non-emergency one-stop shop for human services, with a two-year donation request of \$4000-5,000 from Ferris State University. The Service anticipates receiving federal funding in the future. There is potential for our students to work in or volunteer at the call center. Council members reached consensus to provide the funding; VP Scoby will contact the 211 Service local coordinator, Linda Meyers.
- **Mecosta County Foundation Match Day**
VP Scoby has been approached by the Mecosta County Foundation with a request for a \$10,000 donation to be used as part of the matching funds toward their Match Day. In this model, the Mecosta County Foundation is a catalyst for fundraising on one specific day to assist all participating 501C3 agencies. Council members reached consensus to not donate. VP Scoby will respond to the Foundation to wish them well and explain that in this environment, Ferris cannot fund this project.

- Diversity and Inclusion Office
VP Pilgrim distributed the recent *Expect Diversity* newsletter and reported that there are many diversity activities across the University community. He looks forward to feedback on best ways to use data from the employee survey on diversity issues.

- Enrollment
VP Burcham distributed data on the Fall 2010 enrollment, head count and credit hour numbers for Kendall, main campus, other campuses and online. It was suggested that the President's next budget presentation include information and data on the locations of Ferris' growth.

- Updates / Other
 - VP Postema shared an update on the mediated sessions with the Ferris Faculty Association.
 - VP Scoby informed Council of the August 20th open house for East Campus apartments and reported on the good quality pool and timeline of the Athletic Director search.
 - VP Pilgrim was pleased at the recent visit of Fred Shell from the DTE Foundation, who reviewed the Jim Crow Museum.
 - VP Postema reminded Council of the West Michigan Policy Forum on Sept. 16-17, stating that the two gubernatorial candidates are likely to attend, along with many policy leaders in the state. He suggested that Ferris students and employees would benefit from a gubernatorial debate.

Next meeting date: August 18, 8:30am-12:00pm, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 10:35 am

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner