

President's Council (PC) Meeting Summary

August 8, 2007

9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance: Burcham, Davison, Duffett, Eisler, Evans, Flickinger for Oldfield, Pilgrim, Postema

Action Item: Summary from the July 11, 2007 meeting was approved for posting.

Discussions Items:

- Board of Trustees Retreat
Guest: Karen Paine
Council members will provide brief comments on divisional activities at the Retreat.

- Welcome Week
Activities planned for Welcome Week (August 20-25) are:
 - Monday: College meetings
 - Monday-Friday: Faculty training sessions
 - Tuesday: Academic Senate Retreat
 - Thursday: Meijer Madness
 - Saturday: International Student Welcome Picnic

- Founders Day Activities
Activities planned for Founders Day (August 30) are:
Thursday, August 30:
 - 9:00 AM University Stakeholder Meeting in Founders Room
 - 11:00 AM Founders' Day Presidential Address "State of the University" in the Dome Room
 - 11:30 AM Picnic in the tent on the Quad
 - 1:00 PM University Stakeholder Meeting in Founders Room
 - 3:00 PM Governing Ideas Task Force meeting
 - 4:00-7:00 PM Student Activities on the Quad
 - 5:00-7:00 PM Community Ice Cream Social on the Quad; Miles/Dan
 - 7:00 PM Community Stakeholder Conference in Founders RoomFriday, August 31
 - 10:00 AM University Stakeholder Meeting in Founders RoomAll University employees and emeriti are invited to attend a stakeholder meeting, the Founders Day address, and the picnic. Council members will host and serve at the Ice Cream Social.

- Diversity Office
CDO Pilgrim provided an update of issues on which his office is working and events in which he has spoken or will be speaking. He reported on proposed plans for the TIPS program; funding for an intern was approved so that the TIPS program can move forward for Fall 2007. CDO Pilgrim mentioned the work being done on a pilot summer bridge program; this will be discussed further at a future meeting.

- Enrollment
VP Burcham distributed updated fall enrollment statistics.

- Budget
President Eisler reported on a conference call between the state university presidents and Governor Granholm regarding the state budget and university tuition.
- Employee Service Award Ceremony
There was brief discussion regarding potential recognition changes for the Employee Service Awards. There will be further discussion at a future meeting. President Eisler proposed a spring event for all employees retiring during the academic year.
- Peter's Principles – Taping at Ferris
President Eisler reported that the Peter Nielson Show taping is scheduled for August 29.
- Other
VC Evans reported on the Federal Building. GC Postema reported that negotiations are moving forward. VP Burcahm mentioned that Craig Westman has resigned. VP Duffett reminded Council members that responses are needed regarding exceptions to the October increase and mentioned that Jana Hurley has resigned. VC Davison reported that the KFS negotiations are moving forward. AVP Flickinger mentioned that IRC will be ready for fall classes; he is looking at uses and a process for reserving space in the new facility. He also reported that a document identifying the duties for the VPAA employees will be posted on the web. CDO Pilgrim reported that the Diversity Planning Committee will meet on Thursday. President Eisler is planning to walk through the newly renovated classrooms prior to the start of classes.

Next meeting date: The next PC is scheduled for August 22nd; August 29th meeting will be canceled.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner