

President's Council (PC) Meeting Summary

August 9, 2006

9:00 a.m., CSS 301

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

Action Item: Summary from the June 22, 2006 meeting was approved for posting.

Discussion Items:

- Federal Building - update - Evans
VC Evans provided an update on the anticipated transfer timeline for the Federal building in Grand Rapids. He will work with Fred Goldberg to produce necessary transfer and expectation documents.
- President's Council Retreat - Eisler
President Eisler thanked PC member for an excellent retreat. There was much good discussion and team building at the retreat. President Eisler asked PC members to hold July 8-10, 2007 (Sunday -Tuesday), for next year's retreat.
- BOT August Retreat - Eisler
Guest: Karen Paine
PC members reviewed the administrative presentations portion of the Board of Trustees Retreat agenda.
- Art Walk Site - Eisler
Council members discussed the Art Walk proposal, site, and response materials provided by Robert Barnum. Council members are concerned about maintenance of current art pieces and would like a proposed plan to sustain this art before adding to the collection. President Eisler will meet with Robert.
- Curriculum Advising Program Planning (CAPP) - Duffett/Burcham/Harris
Discussion centered around the functionality of CAPP and best timelines for possible adoption. VP Burcham and VP Harris will discuss and return to the Council at the appropriate time.
- President's Box - Football - Duffett
VP Duffett distributed draft procedures for the football President's Box, which describes the purpose, capacity, hosting, and possible invitation lists for the 2006 football season. VP Duffett will provide the information to the Dean's Council for their review, also. After revisions are made, this document will be reviewed for possible adoption.
- Groundbreaking for IRC - Duffett
VP Duffett requested comments concerning a groundbreaking ceremony for the IRC project. There was consensus that October 13, following Board committee meetings, would be a good date. President Eisler will invite Governor Granholm to participate. Representatives and Senators from our district will also be invited to attend. VP Duffett, VP Harris, and General Counsel Postema will provide mailing lists. The President's Office will provide event organizational and clerical support.

- Disability Issue – Smoking – Duffett
VP Duffett provided a recommendation that Physical Plant will move urns away from buildings and place signage at the campus locations where most smoking violations occur. PC member approved the recommendation.
- Strategy Session (Grand Rapids Workshop for Senior Administrators) – Postema/Green
GC Postema and VC Green presented an update on the one-day diversity workshop in Grand Rapids.
- Marketing/Billboards – Duffett
VP Duffett distributed draft billboard signage for review and comments.
- Events Planning Committee – Burcham
VP Burcham circulated a report from the Events Planning Committee. President Eisler asked him to relay the thanks and appreciation of the Council to the committee.
- Enrollment – Burcham
VP Burcham presented an overview of enrollment trends for fall. The admissions office is working weekends to enter a growing group of transfer students. He will have additional data at the first of next week.
- Budget - Eisler
The State of Michigan has approved their budget. Ferris State University tuition was set at the July Board of Trustees meeting following a very good, informed discussion by the Board.
- Other: Council members provided updates on their divisions, including personnel changes, the Copy Center move, and a possible Friends of Ferris event on October 12.
- Next meeting date: PC Meeting, Wednesday, August 16, 10:00am – Noon (please note change in time) in CSS 301C

Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner