

**President's Council**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**August 17, 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 July 6, 2011 PC meeting was approved for posting.

**Discussion Items:**

- Legislative/Budget Updates  
President Eisler shared information and updates on proposed legislation from Lansing. VP Scoby told about a Performance/Formula Funding meeting in Lansing with several other universities hosted by PCSUM; the group will continue to work together.
- Board of Trustees  
President Eisler provided a short review regarding the Board of Trustees Retreat.
- FY '12 Tuition Approvals  
Guest: Sally DePew  
Budget Director DePew distributed a summary handout of the Student Fees Committee FY '12 tuition recommendations, which were approved by the Board in July. She explained changes to the Great Lakes Scholarship, Tuition Discount, tier structure/categories and responded to questions.
- Founders' Day  
President Eisler noted the events on Founders' Day, September 1, 2012:
  - 11:00am President's Remarks in Dome Room
  - 11:30am-1:00pm Employee Picnic on the Quad
  - 2:00pm Dedication of stained glass in Ferris Mausoleum
  - 3-7pm Student activities on the Quad
  - 4-7pm Ice Cream Social on the Quad
- Inclement Weather Policy  
VP Scoby requested a review of the Inclement Weather Policy regarding "essential" employees and how employees who work during the close of the University are to be compensated. Council members approved a policy change in language so that "Employees whose work is deemed essential to the operation of the campus and who are required to work during a closure under this policy will be expected to work and will be credited with additional personal leave in an amount equal to the time worked during the closure, up to the number of hours of the employee's regular shift."
- Business & Special Expense Policy  
VP Scoby asked Council members to respond to proposed changes in the Business & Special Expense Policy, page 3, Section 4 - Alcoholic Beverages; page 5, Section 5 - Taxable Benefits - B.

Spouse Expense; and page 11 – 24 – Personal clothing or apparel. The amended language and specific examples were discussed; Council approved changes.

- **Football Tailgate Policy**  
VP Scoby then brought forward the Football Tailgate Policy for review; proposed changes will clean up some issues, permit a longer tailgating period for Homecoming, change permitted parking lots, and authorizes the Athletic Director to reserve lots. Council members approved the changes.
- **UA&M - updates**  
VP Willey initiated continued conversation of the handout entitled “UA&M Briefing Discussion.” Council discussed how to add items to the fundraising priority list. VP Willey will meet with vice presidents to determine specific ways the UA&M team can assist with specific fundraising, clarify expectations of divisional employees (i.e. deans and vice presidents), and consider a process to secure specific gifts.
- **Enrollment**  
VP Burcham distributed and commented on positive Fall 2011 enrollment. Further data will be added and totaled, and then returned to Council. VP Scoby stated that housing numbers are strong in the residence halls. There is continued interest in the GR/BR bus; however, the sales of bus passes are slow. In Grand Rapids, 5 Lyon is almost full, including some Pharmacy students also renting beds.
- **Other**  
VP Postema and Provost Erickson updated Council members regarding the FNTFO negotiations. VP Davison-Wilson provided an update on the Federal Building construction and interior design plans. She expects the March 2012 completion date will be met. VP Scoby shared details on the Grand Rapids Pharmacy project, the Pennock project, the public listing of the Holiday Inn, and an update on the changing hockey league landscape. He then offered a verbal proposal concerning a monument on campus; Council members discussed options; and President Eisler requested a pre-proposal and cost for review and consideration. VP Postema thanked members for offering to serve ice cream on Founders’ Day. VP Pilgrm stated that he has been meeting with search committee chairs; he should be included in the notification process for postings in the People Admin system. VP Pilgrim also requested a topic discussion regarding the implications to Ferris with the increased number of students from poor economic backgrounds; he would like the Ferris First group to be invited to the dialogue. Provost Erickson invited Council members to the Retention Summit to be held on Monday, August 22. President Eisler reminded members of the New Faculty Reception at the Eisler home on Monday, August 22, 5:30pm.

**Next meeting dates:**

Wednesday, August 31, 9-11am, CSS 310C (regular meeting – change of time)  
Wednesday, September 21, 9am-Noon, CSS 310C (regular meeting)

Meeting adjourned 11:40 a.m.  
Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner