

President's Council
Meeting Summary
August 18, 2010
8:30 a.m., CSS 301C

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

Action Item: The summary from the August 4th PC meeting was approved for posting.

Discussion Items:

- Diversity and Inclusion Office
VP Pilgrim reported that he continues to work with a family interested in donating a large amount of items to the Jim Crow Museum. He shared that he is working with a group to determine the best name for the foster/orphan initiative and scholarship. He then distributed information on the Scholar Rescue Fund, explained the program, and his desire to bring this initiative to Ferris. VP Pilgrim will discuss this project with Provost Erickson and make connections with department faculty.
- Enrollment
VP Burcham distributed data on the Fall 2010 enrollment, head count and credit hour numbers for Kendall, main campus, other campuses and online. There were 660 students, who were here spring and were not yet enrolled for fall. All were contacted by the Call Center and continuing numbers are now at last year's levels.
- Planning / Divisional Initiatives
President Eisler distributed the "Planning Results, May 20, 2010" document containing external and internal challenges and major initiatives, which were identified in the May-June planning discussions by Council members. An additional bullet regarding relationships with all employee groups will be added to the internal challenge list.

VPs reported on the initiative planning results from their summer divisional planning retreats and how they are creating alignment with the University initiatives.

President Eisler stated that

- In one-on-one meetings with VPs, he would like to hear individual reactions to this year's approach to planning, i.e. the Council work in May with the focus on external and internal challenges, tying initiatives to the strategic plan, and completing discussions in June so that divisions could work over the summer. The intent is to make planning at this level more strategic and less annualized.
- In January, the President will want to hear an update from each VP on the progress of divisional initiatives.
- A similar process will be followed next spring, based on advice received now and in January.
- SPARC Chair Leonard Johnson will attend the Sept. 1 Council meeting. He was pleased with the July retreat and is working hard to fill open positions on committee and determine topics for this year's meetings.

- Updates / Other
 - VP Postema shared an update on the mediated sessions with the Ferris Faculty Association.
 - Provost Erickson stated that Academic Affairs has begun the process of reviewing applications for Interim Dean of the College of Pharmacy.
 - VP Scoby reported on the Athletic Director search.
 - President Eisler's update from Lansing is that the Governor resubmitted names for Board of Trustee members to the Senate, who is expected to turn them down as has been done for other universities recently. He also shared the schedule for Sept. 13 and 14 regarding the Federal Building announcement and Board meetings.

Next meeting date: September 1, 8:30am-12:00pm, CSS 301C (*Good News items will be due Aug. 27*)

Meeting adjourned 12:05 pm

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner