

**President's Council
Meeting Summary
August 19, 2015
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C**

Attendance:

Armstrong, Bellavance, Blake, Eisler, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Ward-Roof

Agenda Items:

- The summary from the August 4, 2015 PC meeting was approved for posting.
- Board of Trustees Retreat
Guest: Karen Huisman
Council members reviewed follow-up items from the Board of Trustees August Retreat and possible topics for the October working session.
- Strategic Plan Assessment
President Eisler mentioned that the Board of Trustees members appreciated the iDashboard assessment tool and suggested that additional community goals be added. Council members should provide recommended goals directly to the President.
- Responsible Employee Training
VP Ward-Roof reported that an information video is nearly ready for those designated as “responsible employees” per the Title IX reporting obligations. We want our students to be successful, so will send out a notice that all responsible employees are expected to participate in an information session at the staff center, faculty center, online and in numerous other places as requested. President Eisler will also endorse and encourage participation in an upcoming university-wide memo. A summary sheet to cover main concepts will be available and a certificate will be provided to all who have completed the exercise.
- Marketing Campaign
VP Armstrong provided an update on the new regional marketing/advertising concept, which is scheduled for a mid-September launch.
- Sports Complex
VP Scoby shared Sports Complex addition/renovation programmatic scope elements and a rough draft football fundraising campaign request. He will bring the request back in September for Council approval after additional feasibility study and further work on the project budget.

- Sustainability Task Force
VP Scoby presented the charge, membership and timeline for the Environmental Sustainability Task Force. Council approved.
- Debrief on 7/1/15 Administrative Merit
VP Scoby initiated discussion on the assessment of this year's process and potential changes to administrative merit. Council members shared feedback from supervisors and suggested changes for the coming year. VP Scoby will meet with the Administrative Council for additional feedback. He will bring this topic back to a September meeting.
- WMPCC Senior Leaders Development Day 2015
President Eisler shared the WMPCC Senior Leaders Development Day schedule and encouraged attendance of Council members. Tony Baker is the Ferris representative.
- Topics to be discussed Fall 2015
Council members recommended a list of big issue topics to be discussed in upcoming meetings.
- Round Robin
 - **VP Postema** announced a meeting with the EEOC on September 9th; Council members are welcome to attend.
 - **VP Scoby** reported that the Baldwin Street bridge will be closed for a week in August and then will be closed again September through July 2016; he will be sending a note to address changes in HR personnel; their division will be adding two positions in Physical Plant to assist in project management; announced that his assistant is retiring Sept. 30 and he will be moving quickly to post the position; shared that the steam project in front of the Student Rec. Center will not be done until September 4-11 and is working with the contractors to crunch the site so that students are not walking in the road; he is encouraged with discussions and collaborative efforts with Spectrum officials in dealing with health emergencies. VPs Scoby and Postema reviewed the process of filling vacant positions using a faster method and have returned to the pooled positions option to abide by federal regulations.
 - **VP Pilgrim** reported that the part-time docent for the Jim Crow Museum has resigned; he has lectured at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis and visited Ferguson; he has continued meeting with small groups to discuss diversity and inclusion at Ferris and would like to present this at the September SPARC meeting.
 - **Provost Blake** shared that Physical Plant personnel have been very helpful with Academic Affairs projects; reminded Council members of the Sept. 23rd ribbon cutting for the Shimadzu Research Laboratory; and reported on searches for two deans and an Associate Provost.

- **VP Armstrong** provided updates on searches for a Senior Director for Advancement and the Executive Director of Giving in Grand Rapids.
- **VP Ward-Roof** reported on positive conversations and collaborative efforts with Spectrum re sexual violence; announced that two medical professionals have left Birkam Health Center, but the Center is open, students are receiving service, and positions are posted; she distributed Fall 2015 application and registration data, a schedule of events for the coming year, and a draft graduate exit survey to be given as seniors apply for graduation.
- **President Eisler** reminded Council members of Sept. 3 Founders Day, Sept. 26 Homecoming, and Council meeting changes due to Governor Snyder's Higher Education Summit. He encouraged members to assist students early on the first day of classes.

Next meeting date:

Sept. 2, 2015, 9:00am PC Meeting, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner