

**President's Council
Meeting Summary
August 28, 2013
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C**

Attendance:

Davison-Wilson, Eisler, Erickson, Flickinger, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Rosen and Scoby

Agenda:

- The summary from the August 7, 2013 PC meeting was approved for posting.
- Board of Trustees
Council discussed follow-up items from the Board of Trustees August retreat and reviewed topics to bring forward for the October working session and meetings.
- Challenge Scholarship Agreement
President Eisler shared the current draft institutional agreement with the Grand Rapids Community Foundation on the Challenge Scholars Program. Council members discussed contract language and optional scholarship packages. This agreement is about helping students and building partnerships in the Grand Rapids community. Council members approved that Ferris will agree to fund a scholarship for one student per year for up to five years, with a renewal review. President Eisler will meet with the Foundation President Diana Sieger to resolve final issues.
- Proposal for Honors Admissions/Retention Policy
Provost Erickson distributed a draft Honors Program Admissions Policy and Retention Policy. Council members support the proposed changes. Provost Erickson will also share this information with the Academic Senate.
- Non-Tenured Faculty Request
VP Postema related a request from the Ferris Non-Tenured Track Faculty Organization to be included in the Service Awards. Council approved that “full-time annual” FNTFO members will be included in the service awards recognition with the Ferris “full-time continuous” employees.
- Briefing on IT incident
VP Scoby shared an update on the IT security breach.
- Fall 2013 Enrollment
VP Flickinger presented Fall 2013 registration by head count, credit hours, and college data, as well as a scholarship comparison chart. The September 18th President's Council meeting will focus on enrollment, financial aid and scholarships; members will send thoughts about the data needed and what they would like to learn from the data to VP Flickinger and President Eisler by September 3.
- Round Robin
 - VP Postema reported on a court decision favoring the University.
 - VP Pilgrim attended new faculty events and is pleased at increased diversity among the new faculty; the Cultured Affairs event was well attended and was a collaborative effort of International, Latin@ Center and Office of Multicultural Student Services.

- Provost Erickson shared that the academic year is off to a good start; faculty are in classes and students are engaged – there is good energy on campus. The Strategic Plan draft will be done very soon and dialogue will be framed. Summer Summit brainstorming and discussions were very good; this will be the topic of the Sept. 10th SPARC meeting.
- VP Scoby reported that Residential Life numbers are not down as much as expected; they will continue with the phasing. The UICA merger is done, paperwork approved by the City of Grand Rapids, and should be out of escrow this afternoon.
- VP Flickinger announced that the student events since last week have been well attended and the Helen Ferris space is working for the Student Affairs staff during the University Center renovation.
- President Rosen announced that the UICA signing/media event was very good; the Kendall opening has been great with lots of energy and a more diverse enrollment. He will be a speaker at TedX in Macatawa. A collaborative plan for exhibits at KCAD and UICA will be held on October 30th.
- VP Green informed that the online wait list process is being improved. Henry Ford Community College has contacted us regarding a relationship in their university center. In Grand Rapids, the hospitality program will be at the Urban Market. The International Office is reporting their most diverse population at Ferris to date.
- VP Davison-Wilson is working on UICA infrastructure support and operations and told of the good working relationships.
- EA Kamptner shared updates on Founders Day events and reminded that Good News item deadlines will be restarting for the academic year.
- President Eisler reviewed upcoming events, shared his pleasure at the UICA merger events, told members of the West Michigan President's Compact to be hosted at Ferris on October 10-11, and announced that VP Scoby will be in charge over the next week while the President is traveling.

Next meeting dates:

PC September 18, 9:00-Noon, CSS 301C: Enrollment, Financial Aid and Scholarship discussion

Meeting adjourned 10:45 a.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner