

**President's Council
Meeting Summary
September 21, 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 August 31, 2011 PC meeting was approved for posting.

Discussion Items:

- Housing Occupancy for Fall 2011
VP Scoby distributed a snapshot of the occupancy report for Fall 2008-2011 for review and discussion.
- West Michigan Presidents' Compact Committee Retreat
VP Pilgrim, VP Green and Director Piram Prakasam will attend the October 6th West Michigan Presidents' Compact Committee Retreat with President Eisler.
- World Affairs Council Dinner
PC members are invited to attend the October 10th dinner in Grand Rapids. The President's Office will gather names to return the reservation list.
- Board of Trustees
Council members reviewed topics for the September 23rd Board of Trustees working session in Grand Rapids and discussed agenda items for the October 14th committee meetings to be held in FLITE.
- Legislative Updates
President Eisler is investing considerable time on the community college baccalaureate degree bill and conversations regarding this. A suggestion was made to work with private four-year colleges as the state universities discuss options with the community colleges.
- Administrative Equity Sub-group Update
VP Scoby shared a revised document detailing the administrative equity process, including parameters and timeline. President Eisler will discuss the Administrative Task Force results, adding equity as a component, with the Board of Trustees at the September 23rd working session.
- Sample Total Comp Letter and Timing
VP Scoby distributed an initial draft of a letter to be sent to employees from Human Resources listing their total compensation (wages, benefits, retirement contributions, insurance, etc.) for review and discussion.

- Summer University 2011 Feedback
VP Scoby initiated discussion regarding the feedback and recommendation from the Summer University committee. This program will not be continued for 2012.
- Honorary Doctorate Nominations
President Eisler requested that members begin gathering nominations for the May 2012 Honorary Doctorate candidates. Information should be sent to Elaine, who will add it to the Oct. 19 President's Council meeting packet.
- Other
VP Pilgrim shared that the Jim Crow Museum plans are on schedule; Kendall faculty member, Jon McDonald will paint a mural for the Museum.
Provost Erickson shared that new employee Mindy Baumgartner is working on communication processes and strategies for their office and that Associate Provost Flickinger has announced his retirement for May 2012.
VP Davison-Wilson is pleased the 5 Lyon housing development is full and requested that Council members save May 5th, 6-9pm at the University Club for Oliver Evan's retirement dinner.
VP Burcham reported that the Campus Community Task Force meetings are going well.
VP Scoby encouraged attendance at the Oct. 8th SPARC Social.
VP Green announced that the Entrepreneurial Institute will be launched this fall; the search for an Associate Dean for the Academic Incubator will start soon.
VP Postema reported on legal and negotiation issues.
VP Willey reminded members of the Nov. 4th Ferris Foundation Gala.
President Eisler mentioned that Ferris and Kendall are major sponsors of ArtPrize and encouraged members to view some of the amazing art work displayed in Grand Rapids, including the pieces in Kendall. He also shared that the PEP program with Congressmen Pete Hoekstra was well done, well attended, and engaged our students. In preparation for his portion of a panel presentation at ACG, the President re-read the Kendall merger documents and was pleased to see how much has been accomplished toward the initial goals.

Next meeting dates:

Wednesday, October 5, 9am-noon, CSS 310C (regular meeting)

Meeting adjourned 1:55 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner